

## California City Police Department

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Attached is part 1 of 3. For some reason our department e-mail is not working and had to make up a yahoo account to send the clarifications.

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## ***OR-781 California City Police Department FO&M 07***

1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources. The project must address one or more of the following:

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

The project will maintain existing restroom and trash removal services at Borax Bill Park. This facility is the only restroom/shower facility throughout the OHV riding area. This facility receives high use and riders usually have to form lines to utilize this facility. Without the availability of these facilities then it is our experience that trash and other debris would be deposited throughout the desert. The trash dumpsters that have been placed at the entry points have helped reduce the amount of trash that is loose throughout the area. Additional signage, notices on information flyers and word of mouth have contributed to the increased use of these services.

b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation

The D.I.R.T. organization has joined into a partnership with the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee (DTPC). The DTPC has been working to preserve desert habitats in California for several years. The Desert Tortoise Natural Area (DTNA) is the most important of those preserves and is located adjacent to California City's boundaries. Personnel at the DTNA utilize the Borax Bill Park facility since there are not any utilities extending to the DTNA area. The Team will continue to work with DTNA personnel in an effort to promote sensitivity awareness concerns by DTNA. The facility also sees use by equestrian enthusiasts that use one of the other nearby parks for their recreation.

c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage

Information flyers are passed out to riders and campsites to prevent potential resource damage, intrusion into marked private property or conflict with other interests in the area". The team has paid for and passed out over 70,000 of these flyers while stopping at the various campsites throughout the year. The funding of operations and maintenance of the Borax Bill Park facility along with

the funding for trash dumpster rental will reduce the amount of trash that could be easily blown onto private property.

d. Insuring compliance to protect habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.) and/or closures due to environmental damage

Dumpsters prevent trash from being scattered throughout the desert by containing the waste and preventing the natural winds from blowing the debris across the desert.

g. Protecting public health and safety

The clean restrooms provide for public health by preventing the deposit of hazardous materials (human waste) on public and private lands. The trash dumpsters prevent trash from being scattered throughout the desert by containing the waste and preventing the natural winds from blowing the debris across the desert.

h. Avoiding increased maintenance activities

Providing adequate trash receptacles and restrooms will help avoid increased maintenance activities.

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

a. Use of innovative or efficient materials to reduce FO&M costs

Providing adequate trash receptacles and restrooms will help avoid increased maintenance activities.

b. The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs through preventive maintenance:

Dumpsters prevent trash from being scattered throughout the desert by containing the waste and preventing the natural winds from blowing the debris across the desert. Placing these dumpsters at strategic locations will help prevent illegal dumping.

- d. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

The team will seek the creation and membership of a California City OHV rider organization. This organization would seek ways to obtain donations and other possible funding for equipment and supplies used by the team.

- e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

The DIRT team has pledged 250 hours of volunteer time to perform minor improvements to Borax Bill and other OHV used parks.

- 3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

- a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided:

The project will last during the 12-month cycle and be completed on time. The funding would pay for a portion of the cycle and the remaining necessary time will be covered with volunteer time.

- b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects:

The team's 8-year history has been successful by being efficient with the limited amount of personnel, resources, funding and equipment. Members make an extra effort to support the program and ensure that every dollar is prudently spent. A bi-weekly report is completed to ensure that the project will stay within the financial parameters. The previous 2 OHV grants have been completed at or under budget.

- c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project:

All of the current DIRT members have volunteered time to make prior year's projects successful. Volunteer time was used to: install water lines at Borax Bill Park, repair facilities after heavy use weekends, re-stock supplies before and after regular weekends, paving project for parking, and foliage planting to prevent erosion.

## ***OR-780 California City Police Department Law Enforcement 07***

1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:

a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

The D.I.R.T. organization has made an extra effort to reduce resource damage by proactive and educational efforts. The City has several Fire Department personnel that have peace officer status and will enforce state and local ordinances that pertain to such violations. These violations include arson to private property or open lands, unlawful discharge of fireworks, and City ordinances against creating a public hazard with large bon/campfires. These Fire Department personnel are trained EMT's or Paramedics and will participate in a joint effort with LE Officers in managing OHV recreation in California City.

The team disseminates information to the OHV users by the use of information flyers. The team will pass out over 70,000 of these flyers that include literature about the *Desert Tortoise Natural Area “DTNA”* and other private property entities that trespassing or misuse of these controlled properties is prohibited. These flyers are used as an educational tool to remind OHV riders of what is permitted in the OHV area and what is not.

b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property

The team disseminates information to the OHV users by the use of information flyers. The team will pass out over 70,000 of these flyers that include literature about the *Desert Tortoise Natural Area “DTNA”* and other private property entities that trespassing or misuse of these controlled properties is prohibited. These flyers allow the users to become educated or reminded of what is permitted in the OHV area and what is not. LE Officers will enforce trespassing laws on posted private property by issuing warnings or making arrests. LE Officers help private property owners understand laws pertaining to trespassing and ensure that proper posting is made to prevent intrusions.

c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests

The City works closely with both recreational and preservation interests. Many organizations have recognized that California City works with OHV organizations and strives to manage these activities in a fair and appropriate manner. The team has an open door policy to discuss OHV recreation with many organizations. Members from AMA District 37, Checkers, DRP Racing, and Baja Promotions, and equestrian riding clubs will organize their events through the team so that there are no conflicts between the organizations.

2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues

The Team's small contingent of LE personnel had nearly 500 enforcement contacts in between responses to the 186 OHV-related accidents/intensive rescues in 2004-2005 riding season. The team maintains a 24-hour uniformed presence in the riding areas during the holiday weekend deployments and has daytime deployments during non-holiday weekends. The project would fund the positions of providing LE officers specifically designated to provide enforcement of OHV related violations and criminal violations normally associated with large gatherings. Laws that would be enforced would include: DUI's, reckless operation of OHV vehicle, speeding near campsites, registration violations, OHV theft, battery, fighting in public, reckless discharge of firearms from OHV's, trespassing, arson, helmet laws, OHV exhaust violations, and vandalism of private property fencing or postings. The citations and warnings issued in the riding area along with personal explanations of OHV related laws at the campsites will be done to maintain high level of compliance in the riding area and prevent blatant disregard to safety laws.

b. Emergency response

The City's Desert Incident Response Team "D.I.R.T." is the primary unit that responds to emergency and non-emergency calls in the main OHV riding area in California City. There are 15 members who provide services to the OHV users totaling over 300,000 annually. During the 2004-2005 riding season, there were nearly 500 OHV related incidents. These incidents included 49 Searches for lost riders, 146 injury accidents, 24 major injury accidents needing an Air Ambulance, and 2 fatalities. Personnel respond around the clock to OHV incidents throughout the 400+ square mile response area. This area includes the California City riding areas, the adjacent BLM riding area, and the intermixed Kern County riding areas. The 2005-2006 riding season soared to nearly 800 OHV related incidents and it is predicted that there will be over 1,000 incidents by the end of the current riding season.

The growing number of incidents demonstrates a clear need to have personnel inside the riding area. The number of OHV related accidents averages 75% of the calls in the riding area. The response time could be up to 45 minutes into some of the advanced trails if the only on-duty emergency units consist of the 2 or 3 on-duty City Police patrol units. The injured rider is usually faced with a 1 ½ hour ground ambulance to the nearest hospital. Whenever the nature of injuries are severe, one of the County's air ambulance's will be summoned to a crash site to transport the rider. There has been times when there has been several critically injured riders within a short time. On several occasions there have been up to 5 air ambulances either flying to pick up a rider in California City, on the ground loading a rider into an air ambulance, or already transporting a rider to a hospital.

The team has experience operating jointly with stabilizing an injured rider, coordinating the landing of an airship in varying conditions, loading patients into the airship, and assisting in the safe departure of the airship for a transport time that is reduced to 15 minutes.

The team will maintain a 24-hour uniformed presence in the riding areas during the holiday weekend deployments and routine daytime deployments during non-holiday weekends. During holiday weekends, volunteers and employees will set up an OHV temporary emergency command post. This command post will be a central hub for information to OHV riders, a First-Aid Station, and a temporary field police station. Volunteers, off-duty Officers and off-duty Paramedics will stay in their personal campers and trailers to provide overnight availability of emergency services in the riding area. Last year, nearly 10% of emergency calls received in the OHV area were dispatched from the command post from the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Personnel will then go back on-duty as the emergencies arise in an effort to prolong the available funding.

#### c. Search and rescue

The team will perform Search and Rescue missions in and near the California City OHV riding area. The City's Desert Incident Response Team "D.I.R.T." is the primary unit that responds Search and Rescue calls within the main OHV riding area in California City. There are 15 members who provide services to the OHV users totaling over 300,000 annually. During the 2004-2005 riding season, there were nearly 500 OHV related incidents. These incidents included 49 Searches for lost riders, 146 injury accidents, 24 major injury accidents needing an Air Ambulance, and 2 fatalities. Personnel respond around the clock to OHV incidents throughout the 400+ square mile response area. This area includes the California City riding areas, the adjacent BLM riding area, and the intermixed Kern County riding areas. The 2005-2006 riding season soared to nearly 800 OHV related incidents and it is predicted that there will be over 1,000 incidents by the end of the current riding season.

#### d. Education/outreach

The team disseminates information to the OHV users by the use of information flyers. The team will contact as much as 1/3 of the campsites over major holiday weekends and provide and flyers/handouts to the OHV visitors. The team will pass out over 70,000 of these flyers that include literature about the *Desert Tortoise Natural Area 'DTNA'* and other private property entities that trespassing or misuse of these controlled properties is prohibited. These flyers are used as an educational tool to remind OHV riders of what is permitted in the OHV area and what is not. This program will increase the amount of compliance relating to OHV laws and also serves as a way to disseminate vital information. The team also hosts beginning motorcycle training called "Dirt-Bike School" for new riders. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation endorses this course. New riders throughout the year complete this course, which also educates them about riding safety

and where they can ride. The team will continue to support and volunteer to the “Dirt-Bike School” program in the next riding season and plans to having monthly courses available.

e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)

The team has an agreement with the Street Department to receive faded street signs. As a team project, the team will refurbish the signs for OHV signage use. These signs include emergency phone numbers, local and state laws pertaining to OHV recreation, and marking restricted areas. The City Street Department has also allocated mounting materials for the team to complete this project.

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3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds.  
Project must include one or more of the following:

a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

The grant funding would increase volunteer hours to 5,740 hours if fully funded. Team leaders will supervise more volunteer teams to augment paid personnel. The team will seek the creation and membership of a California City OHV rider organization. This organization would seek ways to obtain donations and other possible funding for equipment and supplies used by the team.

b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

The team would use fuel tax funds to pay for expenses relating to OHV recreation in California City. The team will seek the creation and membership of a California City OHV rider organization. This organization would set up fundraisers and other possible funding for equipment and supplies used by the team.

c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor

During holiday weekends, volunteers and employees will set up an OHV temporary emergency command post. This command post will be a central hub for information to OHV riders, a First-Aid Station, and a temporary field police station. Volunteers, off-duty Officers and off-duty Paramedics will stay in their personal campers and trailers to provide overnight availability of emergency services in the riding area. Last year, nearly 10% of emergency calls received in the OHV area were dispatched from the command post from the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Personnel will then go back on-duty as the emergencies arise in an effort to prolong the available funding.

The unit will expanded its volunteer staffing by creating a way to allow those volunteers in the unit who want to do more, the avenue to do so. This avenue is the transition of regular civilian volunteers into trained Community Service Officers and part-time Reserve Police Officers. These programs offer advanced training that allows them to perform additional tasks that can alleviate from the LE Teams.

d. Reducing future costs

The team will seek the creation and membership of a California City OHV rider organization. This organization would seek ways to obtain donations and other possible funding for equipment and supplies used by the team. The unit will expanded its volunteer staffing by creating a way to allow those volunteers in the unit who want to do more, the avenue to do so. This avenue is the transition of regular civilian volunteers into trained Community Service Officers and part-time Reserve Police Officers. These programs offer advanced training that allows them to perform additional tasks that can alleviate from the LE Teams. These programs would reduce the overall cost per/hour when taking into consideration the savings made with additional hours donated by volunteers.

e. Appropriate use of equipment

The team has personally put an extra effort into the sport by volunteering time, using personal equipment, and paying for fuel used in personally owned vehicles at times when City owned vehicles were not always available or capable of reaching OHV riders in distress. The team does not have any equipment that has been purchased through the OHMVR. The team has a LE Officer that is a pilot. We will be able to extend the usage of the airship time by putting it in service only when needed. The airship would be stationed at the command post and be launched when the emergencies or need arise. This would help reduce the cost by not having to pay a daily fee and only being charged for true usage time.

4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:

a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided:

The project will last during the 12-month cycle and be completed on time. The funding would pay for a portion of the cycle and the remaining necessary time will be covered with volunteer time.

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects:

The team's 8-year history has been successful by being efficient with the limited amount of personnel, resources, funding and equipment. Members make an extra effort to support the program and ensure that every dollar is prudently spent. A bi-weekly report is completed to ensure that the project will stay within the financial parameters. The previous 2 OHV grants have been completed at or under budget.

c. Commitment of staff to OHV program

During holiday weekends, volunteers and employees will set up an OHV temporary emergency command post. This command post will be a central hub for information to OHV riders, a First-Aid Station, and a temporary field police station. Volunteers, off-duty Officers and off-duty Paramedics will stay in their personal campers and trailers to provide overnight availability of emergency services in the riding area. Last year, nearly 10% of emergency calls received in the OHV area were dispatched from the command post from the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Personnel will then go back on-duty as the emergencies arise in an effort to prolong the available funding.

Our staff has personally put an extra effort into the sport by volunteering time, using personal equipment, and paying for fuel used in personally owned vehicles at times when City owned vehicles were not always available or capable of reaching OHV riders in distress. During the 2004-2005 Grant-cycle over 4800 hours were volunteered by the team for the OHV program. These hours include volunteered hours that regularly paid employees assigned part-time to the OHV area, who have volunteered additional time to keep the program from failing.

## ***OR-816 California City Police Department Equipment 07***

1. The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation.

- a. Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment

The city would cover any repairs and routine maintenance involved with these vehicles. The City would budget \$9,000 (FY 2007-2008) for the 5 vehicles to install LE equipment to make these vehicles "patrol ready". The City would also budget \$5,000 for any repairs and maintenance costs for these vehicles. This funding would be drawn from California City Police Department General Budget "Supplies" Line Item 3132 for Fiscal Years 2007-2008 to 2011-2012.

- b. Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds

The staffing of some of these vehicles would be covered by volunteers who have completed LE Reserve Officer Training. Without funding of the Law Enforcement grant (OR-780) then the staffing would be drastically decreased. Our volunteers would not have paid personnel to manage and supervise them for the next fiscal year unless we receive funds. Our volunteers are not fully trained to handle the types of incidents that the LE officers encounter on a daily basis. The Volunteer program and fully-trained LE officers work in teams and are needed to expand the number of uniformed personnel in the OHV riding area.

2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds in one or more of the following areas:

- a. Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails and areas

The vehicles that would be purchased through the grant would also be used to help maintenance teams restore roads and trails throughout the OHV area. A team of 5 volunteers has already pledged to perform this upkeep if the equipment is purchased. The restoration and maintenance projects would be performed on non-Holiday weekends, so that they will not interfere with the emergency response teams.

- b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

An agreement was established with a local helicopter rental company to rent a helicopter suitable for patrol in the OHV riding area at a lower rate than a

company from prior grant years. This agreement enabled the team to have on-hand an airship for enforcement and search & rescue missions without having to pay a daily rental fee or on-the-ground stand-by time. This economical agreement has allowed the costs earmarked for airship support to be cut in half and double the airship availability to cover more than a few holidays.

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

The program does not receive any additional funds except for the monies received from the grant. The team will seek the creation and membership of a California City OHV rider organization. This organization would seek ways to obtain donations and other possible funding for equipment and supplies used by the team.

d. The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative

The team sought more cost effect means of acquiring necessary OHV vehicles. The team discovered a resource in which a local agency can purchase used Federal vehicles at a discount rate. These vehicles have moderate mileage and can be used locally for up to 5 years as an OHV emergency/patrol vehicle.

e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

The unit will expanded its volunteer staffing by creating a way to allow those volunteers in the unit who want to do more, the avenue to do so. This avenue is the transition of regular civilian volunteers into trained Community Service Officers and part-time Reserve Police Officers. These programs offer advanced training that allows them to perform additional tasks that can alleviate from the LE Teams. The span of control of LE officers over LE volunteers creates the ability of the program to put more personnel available for the project at a reduced per/hour cost.

3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following:

a. The amount of existing recreational use

There are 15 members who provide services to the OHV users totaling over 300,000 annually. The team has received reports from engineers who have calculated the number of OHV visitors entering the riding area. The amount of OHV users that entered the riding area during the Thanksgiving Holiday of 2005 was calculated at over 62,000 with the use of roadway traffic counters. The City currently has 10 City Parks that are used for riding areas and 186 square miles of abandoned roadways that are now bladed dirt roads that are used for riding and parking RV's and trailers. Personnel respond to OHV incidents throughout the 400+ square mile response area. This area includes the California City riding areas, the adjacent BLM riding area, and the intermixed Kern County riding areas.

b. The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity

Throughout the past few years, California City has been the recipient of a soaring amount of OHV users. The number of users has grown over the past 4 years from 65,000/year to 300,000/year. The increase in use was evident when the number of OHV related incidents jumped from previous years. In 1999 the number of incidents over a Thanksgiving Holiday was under 12. During the same holiday in 2004, the unit responded to 77 incidents. Our personnel have spoken first-hand with users and have met with many who have changed their OHV recreation destination to California City. At the current trend, due to increase of OHV visitors, it is predicted that there will be over 1,000 incidents per year of which 25% will be OHV related injury accidents.

c. The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails and areas

The same vehicles that would be purchased through the grant would also be used to help maintenance teams restore roads and trails throughout the OHV area. A team of 5 volunteers has already pledged to perform this upkeep if the equipment is purchased. The restoration and maintenance projects would be performed on non-Holiday weekends, so that they will not interfere with the emergency response teams.

4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested:

Drivers and operators of the city's emergency vehicles have undergone special training. The LE Reserve Officers receive additional P.O.S.T. Driver's training in addition to the team's training in the safe operation of emergency vehicles. The city will cover repairs and routine maintenance.

## San Bernardino County Sheriff- Victor Valley Station

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Marni,

Here they are. Hope it worked.

Question	Score/Rationale <b>[12 out of 35]</b>	Suggested Score/ Rationale <b>Proposed score revision [30 out of 35]</b>
1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:	<p>a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.</p> <p>The applicant uses patrol and education to reduce resource damage</p>	<p>OHV Stakeholders were instrumental in drafting a new County ordinance, which fairly represents all sides of the OHV issue. The new ordinance will allow the OHV team to address illegal OHV intrusion into wilderness lands and onto private property. By enforcing the new ordinance, we can educate the public and continue to promote our legal OHV areas. The proper application of this ordinance will sustain long term OHV recreation, by clearly defining the proper use of Off Highway Vehicles, and the penalties for their illegal use within San Bernardino County. [pg 16]</p> <p>The applicant uses a new county ordinance to address wilderness intrusion and trespass.</p> <p>Victor Valley Station's jurisdiction contains the largest OHV areas in the United States. The BLM has three Rangers to patrol this vast area. The Victor Valley Station continues to provide Law Enforcement services in the OHV areas to assist BLM. This allows them to address other concerns such as wilderness intrusion, vegetation destruction, and trail maintenance. [pg 16]</p> <p>Many of the conflicts between various recreational interests are due to a percentage of enthusiasts who are not aware of those sharing the use areas. The OHV team will increase its presence in use areas to educate enthusiasts about the variety of users, and the mutual respect required. [pg16]</p>
	<p>b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.</p>	<p>The applicant uses patrol and education to reduce conflicts.</p>
	<p>c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests</p>	

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score/ Rationale
<b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b>	<b>[18 out of 30]</b>	<b>Proposed score revision [30 out of 30]</b>
a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in California Vehicle Code Section or other OHV related codes	The applicant enforces the CVC, the Penal Code and local ordinances.	Deputies on off-road equipment in the affected areas will enforce Vehicle Code, Penal Code, and Local Ordinances. This will be done on a routine basis during the Fall, Winter, Spring, and on weekends. The Victor Valley Station will be assigning two Deputies to regular OHV patrol on weekends. [pg 17]
b. Emergency response	Deputies respond for calls for service.	In the event of an emergency, Deputies contact and direct emergency medical personnel to an accident by land or air. The Victor Valley OHV team is part of our Stations' Emergency Response Matrix. It is called out in conjunction with Search and Rescue when appropriate. [pg 17]
c. Search and Rescue	The OHV team is trained in SAR. Air support is available.	Deputies on the Victor Valley OHV team are also cross-trained in Search and Rescue. In the event of an emergency, Deputies contact and direct emergency medical personnel to an accident by land or air. The Victor Valley OHV team is part of our Stations' Emergency Response Matrix. It is called out in conjunction with Search and Rescue when appropriate. [pg 17]
d. Education/outreach	Team members are ATV instructors and teach classes to the public. The applicant attends public events, distributes brochures, and gives out coupons to responsible riders	Team members are ATV instructors and teach classes to the public. The applicant attends public events, distributes brochures, and gives out coupons to responsible riders
e. Other proactive measures (e.g.,patrol, signing, barriers)	The applicant uses patrol and a coupon program.	The applicant uses patrol, <b>ATV safety classes, conducts enforcement operations at major events and is developing a reward system to hand out coupons for discount safety equipment from local businesses when OHV members contact children who are riding responsibly.</b> [pg 17]

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b> <b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include <u>one or more</u> of the following:</b>	<b>Suggested Score/ Rationale</b> <b>Proposed score revision [18 out of 20]</b>
a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant works with local businesses to give out coupons to responsible riders. They also work with BLM, USFS, and other LE agencies.	The applicant works with local businesses to give out coupons to responsible riders. They also work with BLM, USFS, and other LE agencies.
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant did not address this item.	The Victor Valley Station has augmented grant funding with proposed funding from BLM and contracts with OHV/ motorcycle clubs. [pg 18]
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor	Reserves make up 65% of the applicant's OHV team.	To use Grant Funds to their full potential, Sheriff's Reserves are used 60% of the time during events and planned patrol. Our Search and Rescue Team members are used to pass out Educational materials at field events, and our Citizens on Patrol personnel are used to pass out educational materials at open public events. The Sheriff's Aero Squadron will also be used at events requiring air support on a scheduled basis, at Sheriff's Department expense. The Sheriffs Helicopter is available 7 days a week from 1400 hours to 0200 hours on a priority basis. Inmate Labor is used to clean and conduct minor equipment maintenance at no cost. [pg 18]
d. Reducing future costs	The applicant did not address this item.	Victor Valley is working on reducing costs by setting up accounts with our local courts to use funds from OHV violation fines to assist with enforcement costs. Victor Valley Station budget also pays for fuel and staff costs not covered by the Grant. This includes the use of the Sheriffs Department Dispatchers during events. The Victor Valley Station will reduce future project costs by purchasing new, long-lasting project specific equipment. This practice will keep yearly project costs to a minimum. [pg 18]

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score/ Rationale</b>
e. Appropriate use of equipment	The application states that they patrol in "off-road vehicles".	The equipment used by the Victor Valley OHV Team is dedicated for use in OHV enforcement and Search and Rescue operations. All of the equipment is operated by trained personnel, to reduce damage and preserve its useful life span. [pg 18]
<b>4.The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicants:</b>	<b>[2 out of out of 15]</b>	<b>Proposed score revision</b> <b>[7 out of 15]</b>
a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)	The applicant did not address this item. [0]	The Victor Valley Station has met all enforcement goals and objectives outlined in past grants. [2] [pg 18]
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant did not address this item. [0]	The Victor Valley Station has met all enforcement goals and objectives outlined in past grants. Our staff, the Bureau of Administration, and California State Parks have cooperatively worked together in the past and look forward to future interaction. [2] [pg 18]
c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)	The application mentions that the applicant has "an effective, well-trained and community oriented OHV team'. The Project costs/ Deliverables shows agency contribution. [3]	The application mentions that the applicant has "an effective, well-trained and community oriented OHV team'. The Project costs/ Deliverables shows agency contribution. [3]
<b>Assigned Score[41 out of 100]</b>		<b>Recommended Score</b> <b>85/100</b>

# 11/16/2006 OR-795 San Bernardino County Sheriff (Victor Valley) Law Equipment 07

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score/ Rationale
<b>1. The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation. The project must address the:</b>	<b>[27 out of 40]</b>	<b>Proposed score revision [36 out of 40]</b>
a. Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment	The applicant states that they have paid for operational costs in the past and will continue to do so.	The applicant states that they have paid for operational costs in the past and will continue to do so, due to the lower maintenance cost of the new equipment. The OHV team was able to operate last year without grant funding, although on a limited basis. Routine patrols are maintained through the Station budget. [pg 70] Victor Valley Station budget pays for fuel and staff costs not covered by the grant. [pg 18]
b. Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds	Five new deputy positions will allow for proper staffing of the OHV team without relying entirely on OHV grant funds.	Five new deputy positions will allow for proper staffing of the OHV team without relying entirely on OHV grant funds. <b>Routine patrols are maintained through the station budget. [pg 70]</b> The applicant has doubled the number of personnel in their OHV enforcement team. [pg 71]
<b>2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds in <u>one or more</u> of the following areas:</b>	<b>[9 out of 20]</b>	<b>Proposed score revision [20 out of 20]</b>
a. Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails and areas	The applicant did not address this item.	Victor Valley Station's jurisdiction contains the largest OHV areas in the United States. The BLM is tasked with providing law enforcement services to these areas. The Victor Valley Station continues to provide Law Enforcement services in OHV areas to assist BLM. This allows them to address other concerns such as wilderness intrusion, vegetation destruction, and trail maintenance. [pg 16]

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<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score/ Rationale</b>
b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant did not address this item.	Our staff, the Bureau of Administration, and California State Parks have cooperatively worked together in the past and look forward to future interaction. Last year the use of remaining grant funding, cooperative agreements with partner agencies such as BLM, the U.S. Forest Service, and interest group funds allowed us to maintain our commitments. [pg 18]
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant did not address this item.	<p>Emergency equipment will be added to all of the OHV vehicles at Department expense. [pg 68] The Victor Valley Station has augmented grant funding, with proposed funding from the BLM to assist them with large events. Victor Valley is working on reducing costs by setting up accounts with our local courts to use funds from OHV violation fines to assist with enforcement costs. Motorcycle clubs contract with the Victor Valley OHV Team for Law Enforcement at their events. [pg 18]</p>
d. The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative	The equipment is designed to work together to allow the most cost-effective operation. The command post will provide amenities and resources of several buildings in one cost-effective mobile package.	<p>The equipment is designed to work together to allow the most cost-effective operation. The command post will provide amenities and resources of several buildings in one cost-effective mobile package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Crew-Cab 4x4 Heavy Duty tow vehicle. The uses of this vehicle will include towing of the Command Post / Transportation trailer, access to prior inaccessible areas, transporting equipment and supplies, and search &amp; rescue operations.</li> <li>•Command Post / Transportation trailer. Uses of this vehicle will include being equipped and used as a mobile command post for OHV, S&amp;R, and natural disaster operations. It will also act as a first aid facility for OHV enthusiasts at legal OHV use areas and for transportation and storage of OHV team vehicles.</li> <li>•Dual-Sport Motorcycles. These will increase the level of service to illegal use areas by utilizing proactive patrols, and to access areas 4-wheel vehicles can't. [pg 68,70,71]</li> </ul>

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Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score/ Rationale
d. The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative (cont)	<p>The equipment is designed to work together to allow the most cost-effective operation. The command post will provide amenities and resources of several buildings in one cost-effective mobile package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utility ATV. This vehicle will be used to transport up to four personnel and will be equipped to transport injured or arrested subjects from remote locations. It will also be used for assistance in search and rescue operations.</li> <li>• Quad ATVs. These vehicles will be used at heavily attended events where quick dismounts and frequent contacts are needed.</li> <li>• Sound Meters, GPS radios, and safety equipment. Sound meters will be used to educate and enforce OHV users on State sound regulations. GPS radios will be used to more effectively locate injured and/or missing OHV riders. Safety equipment will be used to protect OHV team members, and as an example of safe and responsible riding practices. [pg 68,70,71]</li> </ul>	<p>The equipment is designed to work together to allow the most cost-effective operation. The command post will provide amenities and resources of several buildings in one cost-effective mobile package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utility ATV. This vehicle will be used to transport up to four personnel and will be equipped to transport injured or arrested subjects from remote locations. It will also be used for assistance in search and rescue operations.</li> <li>• Quad ATVs. These vehicles will be used at heavily attended events where quick dismounts and frequent contacts are needed.</li> <li>• Sound Meters, GPS radios, and safety equipment. Sound meters will be used to educate and enforce OHV users on State sound regulations. GPS radios will be used to more effectively locate injured and/or missing OHV riders. Safety equipment will be used to protect OHV team members, and as an example of safe and responsible riding practices. [pg 68,70,71]</li> </ul>
e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant did not address this item.	<p>Sheriff's Reserves are used 60% of the time during events and planned patrol. Our Search and Rescue Team members are used to pass out Educational materials at field events, and our Citizens on Patrol personnel are used to pass out educational materials at open public events. The Sheriff's Aero Squadron will also be used at events requiring air support on a scheduled basis, at Sheriff's Department expense. Inmate Labor is used to clean and conduct minor equipment maintenance at no cost. [pg 18]</p>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score/ Rationale
<p><b>3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address <u>one or more</u> of the following areas:</b></p>	<p><b>[9 out of 30]</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed score revision [25 out of 30]</b></p>
<p>a. The amount of existing recreational use</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item.</p>	<p>The Victor Valley Sheriff's Station has jurisdiction of an area which covers more than 1,419 square miles ( 908,160 acres) of desert land. Many of these areas are extremely remote. [pg 70] . The greater Victor Valley region contains the largest OHV recreation areas in the continental United States. This particular aspect draws OHV enthusiasts from the surrounding counties of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside. The Johnson Valley Open area at 188,374 acres is the largest designated OHV open area known to exist. [pg 13]</p>
<p>b. The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity</p>	<p>Due to recent population explosion, the OHV team has changed patrol strategies. Due to Riverside County's strict OHV ordinance, there will be an increase in the demand for legal OHV areas in San Bernardino County.</p>	<p>Due to recent population explosion, the OHV team has changed patrol strategies. Due to Riverside County's strict OHV ordinance, there will be an increase in the demand for legal OHV areas in San Bernardino County.</p>
<p>c. The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails, and areas</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item.</p>	<p>Victor Valley Station's jurisdiction contains the largest OHV areas in the United States. The BLM is tasked with providing law enforcement services to these areas. The Victor Valley Station continues to provide Law Enforcement services in OHV areas to assist BLM. This allows them to address other concerns such as wilderness intrusion, vegetation destruction, and trail maintenance. [pg 16]</p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score/ Rationale</b>
d. Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions	The applicant did not address this item.	The Victor Valley Sheriff's Station has jurisdiction of an area which covers more than 1,419 square miles ( 908,160 acres) of desert land. Many of these areas are extremely remote, rocky, rough, and otherwise inaccessible. [pg 70,71] The area is also the home of two ACEC's, one to protect the Soggy Dry Lake Creosote Rings, and one to protect the Upper Johnson Valley Yucca Rings, both unique vegetative assemblages. [pg 13]
4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested:	[7 out of 10]	Proposed score revision [10 out of 10]
		All team members are trained in ATV safety and operation and possess class "M" licenses. All team members attend a 40 hour P.O.S.T. off road motorcycle school. In addition team members will conduct basic maintenance for all the equipment.
		The Victor Valley Station has doubled the number of personnel on its OHV enforcement team. [pg 71] All team members are trained in ATV safety and operation and possess class "M" licenses. All team members attend a 40 hour P.O.S.T. off road motorcycle school. In addition team members will conduct basic maintenance for all the equipment. The supervisors of the Victor Valley OHV program have over 60 years combined OHV experience. [pg 68]
	Assigned Score 52/100	Recommended Score 91/100

## BLM – Barstow Field Office

<b>Barstow Field Office, Law Enforcement Grant Talking Points</b>			
<b>Score &amp; Fact Page 54 Out of 484</b>			
<b>Division Score 68, Suggested Score 77</b>			
Criteria	Score/Factual Findings	Suggested Score	
<b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by:</b>	<b>20 out of 35</b>	<b>29 out of 35</b>	
a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.	The project would use patrol and education to protect resources in the Desert Wildlife Management Areas (DWMA).	The grant failed to point out that over a million acres of land are protected through the DWMA designations. Within these areas, vehicle use is allowed on a strictly enforced system of open routes. Compliance with this route network is of paramount importance to the successfulness of the Desert Tortoise conservation strategy.	The grant could have more clearly indicated how the designation of the OHV Open Areas, where unrestricted OHV use is allowed, contributes to the conservation of the Desert Tortoise. There is a high demand for unrestricted OHV use within the BFO because of its location to adjacent metropolitan areas of LA, OC, and IE, which do not have the ability to offer unrestricted OHV use. Additionally there is a considerable number of rural communities such as VV, AV, Hesperia, and Morongo Valley within the BFO where conflicts exist between OHV riders and private property owners.
b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property	The project would patrol wilderness areas and work with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBSO) to protect private property from trespass.	Wilderness intrusion and private property trespass are two issues which dominate the BFO LE program. LE Rangers provide education and enforcement through brochure distribution, verbal communication and issuance of citations to gain compliance. A healthy working relationship with the SBCO Sheriffs and CHP provides the BFO additional LE resources to assist with patrols on large holiday weekends. Aviation resources are used when available	

<b>Barstow Field Office, Law Enforcement Grant Talking Points</b>			
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<b>Division Score 68, Suggested Score 77</b>			
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Factual Findings</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>	
c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interest.	The project would use education and enforcement to direct OHV use to legal areas.	Attached for consideration is a comparison of information provided by grant applicants through the Project Activity Reports. This comparison is offered to demonstrate the relative need for LE services within the BFO. The size, breadth, and complexity of the BFO program is clearly demonstrated through this format.	

<b>Barstow Field Office, Restoration '07 OR-1-CD-357</b>		
<b>Division Score 63, Suggested Score 94</b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Factual Findings</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>		
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	The grant could have more clearly stated that the project would also address tortoise habitat and lane mountain milk vetch habitat. The project would also address soil movement, surface tread and impacts on watershed. It would also reduce soil compaction.	
b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species	The grant could have more clearly stated that the project includes prime habitat for both the desert tortoise and the lane mountain milk vetch.	
c. Cultural resources	The grant could have more clearly stated that physically removing closed routes will help protect prehistoric sites, historic sites and culturally significant sites.	
d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	The grant could have more clearly stated that physically removing closed routes will reduce illegal driving into the Black Mountain Wilderness. The project will also help protect Desert Wildlife Management Areas (DWMAs) established for the benefit of the desert tortoise.	
<b>part 2, no changes recommended</b>	<b>[14 out of 15]</b>	<b>14 out of 15</b>

<b>Barstow Field Office, Restoration '07 OR-1-CD-357</b>		
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b>	<b>[8 out of 15]</b>	<b>18 out of 20</b>
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:		
i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted	The grant could have more clearly stated that trail maintenance, education of the public through brochures, signs, billboards, public meetings, one on one park ranger and law enforcement ranger discussions, outreach to the schools, and post and cable barriers have been used to prevent unauthorized use.	
ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue	The grant could have more clearly stated that the above mentioned methods were not as effective as they could have been because the closed routes are still visible to the public so the public still used the closed routes.	
iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic	The grant could have more clearly stated that signing the open routes and physically removing the closed routes would allow law enforcement to write defensible citations. The grant also could have more clearly stated that law enforcement patrols would be more frequent in the restoration area ensure the restoration area remains intact.	
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:		

<b>Barstow Field Office, Restoration '07 OR-1-CD-357</b>	
i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent	The grant could have more clearly stated that the routes and restoration area would be more frequently monitored and patrolled by both law enforcement rangers and park rangers. The project will also include use of barriers, signing and public education material such as maps and brochures. Additionally the open trails would be better maintained so recreational users would want to remain on the open routes.
c. Closure due to management action:	
i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary	The grant could have more clearly stated that the project will include the use of barriers, signing and increased law enforcement presence.
<b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.</b>	<p><b>14 out of 15</b></p> <p>[9 out of 15]</p> <p>The grant could have more clearly stated how the monitoring is currently being completed and how it would continue to be performed under this grant. Natural resource specialists and restoration specialists visit the restoration area weekly to determine if use is disturbing the restoration area. Any corrective actions that are necessary to protect the restoration is completed. Repeat disturbance of restoration areas will result in increased patrols by law enforcement rangers, park rangers and other BLM employees.</p>

<b>Barstow Field Office, Restoration '07 OR-1-CD-357</b>		
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	<b>[6 out of 15]</b>	<b>recommend 14 out of 15 for the total for part 5</b>
a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)	3 out of 5	<b>recommend 4 out of 5</b> The scoring did not adequately consider the numerous previous OHMVR projects that this office has completed.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	3 out of 5	<b>recommend 5 out of 5</b> The rating did not adequately consider that there has never been a negative audit and that this office reviewed the management of their grants to improve accountability on their own initiative. The new procedures developed by this office are now mandatory for all BLM desert district offices. This will improve accountability even more in the future.
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure (5)	0 out of 5	<b>recommend 5 out of 5</b> The grant could have more clearly stated that this office has not closed any routes in several years. The applicant works closely with Fish & Wildlife Service and various Friends / partner groups to address concerns prior to major problems developing. Conservation, research, education and outreach efforts are on-going to avoid closures that could result from additional listed species or loss of habitat for listed species.

<b>BLM Barstow Field Office, Trail Maintenance Grant</b>		
<b>Score &amp; Fact Page 447 out of 484</b>		
<b>Division Score 62, Suggested Score 78</b>		
Criteria	Score/Factual Findings	Suggested Score
1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:		27 out of 40
b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)	By using maintenance and survey methods combined, heavy maintenance needs can be identified early, thereby reducing the cost associated with the maintenance needed in these areas. (5 out of 10)	Combining maintenance and survey reduces cost by eliminating duplicate efforts. (6 out of 10)
d. Maintain OHV recreation on OHV recreation areas within where the majority of OHV recreation is directed, increases compliance with the authorized route network.		Maintaining open routes within the restoration areas minimize OHV recreation on lands where designated open. (6 out of 10)
2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:	24 out of 30	30 out of 30

<b>BLM Barstow Field Office, Trail Maintenance Grant</b>	
<b>Score &amp; Fact Page 447 out of 484</b>	
<b>Division Score 62, Suggested Score 78</b>	
b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant did not address this item.
3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:	<p>21 out of 30</p> <p>a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (10) The applicant cites three similar projects completed over the past two years. These are; 1000 feet of post and projects replaced a barrier, repaired a road and cable barrier, Dumont Dunes Access Road, Owl Canyon Camp Ground Access Road, Harper Dry Lake Watchable Wildlife Area Parking Lot, Installation of 9 vault toilets at Johnson and Stoddard. The last project was completed enough below budget to allow for inclusion of ADA access pads. All of these projects were funded through federal appropriations. (8 out of 10)</p> <p>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10) The applicant has worked over the last several years to improve fiscal accountability by improving BFO did not just improve fiscal accountability; it completely their document and information filing and their revamped its document management system, reorganized accounting system. (3 out of 10)</p>

## **Barstow Field Office Comparison of PAR Information**

In a comparison of the PAR information for grant applications the following things were found to be;

- The BFO reports the fifth highest number of acres available for “Open” OHV use with 301,445 acres available for unrestricted use. The BFO also believes that the top four reporting applicants did so in error.
- The BFO, reporting Open route miles only in it’s DWMA and Restoration areas (areas where funds were requested for use) reported 788 miles of Open routes, the 27<sup>th</sup> highest number of miles of 49 grant request.
- With 617 active volunteers, the BFO reported the second highest number of volunteers throughout all grant applicants.
- The BFO reported the third highest number of volunteer hours with 10,409 hours contributed.
- The BFO reported the seventh highest number of visitor days with 723,319 visitor days.
- The BFO mistakenly did not report any non-LE visitor contacts. This should have been represented as approximately 5% of visitors or 36,166 visitors, or tenth highest of all grant applicants.
- The BFO reported the 24<sup>th</sup> highest number of LE contacts with 4,758 contacts
- The BFO reports the third highest number of citations.

**PAR Comparison Sorted by Number of LE Contacts**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b># Open Acres OHV</b>	<b>Miles Open OHV Routes</b>	<b># Open Acres OSV Routes</b>	<b>Miles Open OSV Routes</b>	<b># Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Volunteer Days</b>	<b># Visitor Hours</b>	<b>Visitor Days</b>	<b># LE Contacts</b>	<b># of Citations</b>
Plumas County Sheriffs	679076	4967	644690	1806	41	1408	117600	8000	745	16
Lassen NF	618000	2535	618000	1127	39	590	17700	6082	6082	46
Plumas NF	591586	4967	591586	1052	0	0	102443	0	0	0
San Bernardino Code Enf.	319021	30000	160640	227	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barstow FO</b>	<b>301445</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>723319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4758</b>	<b>933</b>
San Bernardino Sheriffs VV	301044	24000	0	0	10	140	280000	6000	900	NR
Imperial County Sheriffs	238942	3673	0	0	151	962	123132	242	51934	4223
Yucca Valley Police Dept.	188374	0	0	0	0	250	NA	140	52	7
El Centro	153581	3486	0	0	440	12061	9503480	1124000	107967	3123
San Bernardino Sheriffs Bar	144237	26000	0	0	6	2000	365	4000	5077	39
Los Angeles County Sheriffs	133000	1300	0	0	10	220	57389	57389	736	350
California City Police	121400	2172	0	0	10	4800	107772	372	793	32
Riverside County Sheriffs	113476	1230	0	0	9	400	243	3000	1973	221
Kern County Sheriffs	72834	5500	0	0	60	2155	1550000	300000	24000	356
Ridgecrest FO	72834	6060	0	0	208	3228	247940	434421	21021	362
Angelus NF	30490	2706	0	0	225	2020	96241	68015	7609	151
San Diego County Sheriffs	30040	360	0	0	51	5934	350000	9400	0	180
Napa County Sheriffs	15000	67	0	0	47	376	300	149	149	25
Alpine County Sheriffs	10000	445	10000	45	20	340	53000	944	927	14
Colorado River District	2603	810	0	0	22	11000	365	110000	NA	NA
Inyo NF	2500	4052	252000	470	43	427	60360	16620	21000	59
San Jauquin County Sheriffs	1500	0	0	0	12	198	70	861	861	536
Bishop FO	1300	2500	0	0	22	2200	180000	24000	7047	10
Holister FO	478	242	0	0	30	300	35000	7450	25000	70
Santa Clara County Sheriffs	457	207	0	0	95	540	46897	46897	46897	23
Arcata FO	220	32	0	0	26	1430	25000	3760	2454	216
Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678	46
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655	278
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138	2
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617	54
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	154	5100	59840	20909	6329	72
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904	27

Eldorado NF	0	1253	25000	180	220	2162	70527	19829	7829	121
Fresno County Sheriffs	0	1900	0	380	10	80	62000	5526	862	18
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Bridge..)	0	98	120000	4	4	50	80000	16000	16500	79
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Carson)	0	340	150000	24	2	117	80000	16000	30000	30
Los Padres NF	0	527	0	0	180	2979	230267	62220	35767	190
Mono County Sheriffs	0	0	250000	300	21	60	132	2537	2537	3
Palm Springs South Coast FO	0	1500	0	0	98	4450	2281714	220000	17000	259
Redding FO	0	101	0	0	50	1200	43000	1600	4000	85
San Bernardino NF	0	903	0	0	3150	27823	171000	28433	8433	45
Sequoia NF	0	152	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shasta Trinity	0	158	0	0	7	725	24330	5485	1146	2
Sierra NF	0	2624	72800	234	78	4127	74086	6785	5230	235
Simi Valley Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	NR
Six Rivers NF	0	690	0	0	38	2832	22000	500	511	6
Stanislaus NF	0	3370	181430	671.5	105	4530	174080	34272	25770	183
Toulumne County Sheriffs	0	0	30000	532.7	40	20	0	0	414	80
Ukiah FO	0	93	0	0	22	488	228	7928	890	57

**PAR Comparison Sorted by Number of Visitor Days**

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Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678	46
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655	278
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138	2
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617	54
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	154	5100	59840	20909	6329	72
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904	27

Eldorado NF	0	1253	25000	180	220	2162	70527	19829	7829	121
Fresno County Sheriffs	0	1900	0	380	10	80	62000	5526	862	18
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Bridge..)	0	98	120000	4	4	50	80000	16500	16500	79
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Carson)	0	340	150000	24	2	117	80000	16000	30000	30
Los Padres NF	0	527	0	0	180	2979	230267	62220	35767	190
Mono County Sheriffs	0	0	250000	300	21	60	132	2537	2537	3
Palm Springs South Coast FO	0	1500	0	0	98	4450	2281714	22000	17000	259
Redding FO	0	101	0	0	50	1200	43000	1600	4000	85
San Bernardino NF	0	903	0	0	3150	27823	171000	28433	8433	45
Sequoia NF	0	152	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shasta Trinity	0	158	0	0	7	725	24330	5485	1146	2
Sierra NF	0	2624	72800	234	78	4127	74086	6785	5230	235
Simi Valley Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	NR
Six Rivers NF	0	690	0	0	38	2832	22000	500	511	6
Stanislaus NF	0	3370	181430	671.5	105	4530	174080	34272	25770	183
Toulumne County Sheriffs	0	0	30000	532.7	40	20	0	0	414	80
Ukiah FO	0	93	0	0	22	488	228	7928	890	57

## PAR Comparison Sorted by Open Miles

Applicant	# Open Acres OHV	Miles Open OHV Routes	# Open Acres OHV Routes	Miles Open OSV Routes	# Volunteer Hours	Volunteer Days	# Visitor Contacts	# LE Contacts	# of Citations
Plumas County Sheriffs	679076	4967	644690	1806	41	1408	117600	8000	745
Lassen NF	618000	2535	618000	1127	39	590	17700	6082	6082
Plumas NF	591586	4967	591586	1052	0	0	102443	0	0
San Bernardino Code Enf.	319021	30000	160640	227	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barstow FO</b>	<b>301445</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>723319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4758</b>
San Bernardino Sheriffs VV	301044	24000	0	0	10	140	280000	6000	900 NR
Imperial County Sheriffs	238942	3673	0	0	151	962	123132	242	51934
Yucca Valley Police Dept.	188374	0	0	0	0	250 NA	NA	NA	4223
El Centro	153581	3486	0	0	440	12061	9503480	1124000	107967
San Bernardino Sheriffs Bar	144237	26000	0	0	6	2000	365	4000	5077
Los Angeles County Sheriffs	133000	1300	0	0	10	220	57389	57389	736
California City Police	121400	2172	0	0	10	4800	107772	372	793
Riverside County Sheriffs	113476	1230	0	0	9	400	243	3000	1973
Kern County Sheriffs	72834	5500	0	0	60	2155	1550000	300000	24000
Ridgecrest FO	72834	6060	0	0	208	3228	247940	43421	21021
Angelus NF	30490	270.6	0	0	225	2020	96241	68015	7609
San Diego County Sheriffs	30040	360	0	0	51	5934	350000	9400	0
Napa County Sheriffs	15000	67	0	0	47	376	300	149	149
Alpine County Sheriffs	10000	445	10000	45	20	340	53000	944	927
Colorado River District	2603	810	0	0	22	11000	365	110000 NA	NA
Inyo NF	2500	4052	252000	470	43	427	60360	16620	21000
San Jauquin County Sheriffs	1500	0	0	0	12	198	70	861	861
Bishop FO	1300	2500	0	0	22	2200	180000	24000	7047
Holister FO	478	242	0	0	30	300	35000	7450	25000
Santa Clara County Sheriffs	457	207	0	0	95	540	46897	46897	46897
Arcata FO	220	32	0	0	26	1430	25000	3760	2454
Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	5100	59840	20909	20909	6329
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904

Eldorado NF	0	1253	25000	180	220	2162	70527	19829	7829	121
Fresno County Sheriffs	0	1900	0	380	10	80	62000	5526	862	18
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Bridge..)	0	98	120000	4	4	50	80000	16000	16500	79
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Carson)	0	340	150000	24	2	117	80000	16000	30000	30
Los Padres NF	0	527	0	0	180	2979	230267	62220	35767	190
Mono County Sheriffs	0	0	250000	300	21	60	132	2537	2537	3
Palm Springs South Coast FO	0	1500	0	0	98	4450	2281714	22000	17000	259
Redding FO	0	101	0	0	50	1200	43000	1600	4000	85
San Bernardino NF	0	903	0	0	3150	27823	171000	28433	8433	45
Sequoia NF	0	152	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shasta Trinity	0	158	0	0	7	725	24330	5485	1146	2
Sierra NF	0	2624	72800	234	78	4127	74086	6785	5230	235
Simi Valley Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	NR
Six Rivers NF	0	690	0	0	38	2832	22000	500	511	6
Stanislaus NF	0	3370	181430	671.5	105	4530	174080	34272	25770	183
Toulumne County Sheriffs	0	0	30000	532.7	40	20	0	0	414	80
Ukiah FO	0	93	0	0	22	488	228	7928	890	57

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<b>Applicant</b>	<b># Open Acres OHV</b>	<b>Miles Open OHV Routes</b>	<b># Open Acres OSV Routes</b>	<b>Miles Open OSV Routes</b>	<b># Volunteer Hours</b>	<b># Volunteer Days</b>	<b># Visitor Contacts</b>	<b># LE Contacts</b>	<b># of Citations</b>
Plumas County Sheriffs	679076	4967	644690	1806	41	1408	117600	8000	745
Lassen NF	618000	2535	618000	1127	39	590	17700	6082	46
Plumas NF	591586	4967	591586	1052	0	0	102443	0	0
San Bernardino Code Enf.	319021	30000	160640	227	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barstow FO</b>	<b>301445</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>723319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4758</b>
San Bernardino Sheriffs VV	301044	24000	0	0	10	140	280000	6000	900 NR
Imperial County Sheriffs	238942	3673	0	0	151	962	1231132	242	51934
Yucca Valley Police Dept.	188374	0	0	0	0	250	NA	140	4223
El Centro	153581	3486	0	0	440	12061	9503480	1124000	107967
San Bernardino Sheriffs Bar	144237	26000	0	0	6	2000	365	4000	5077
Los Angeles County Sheriffs	133000	1300	0	0	10	220	57389	736	350
California City Police	121400	2172	0	0	10	4800	107772	372	73
Riverside County Sheriffs	113476	1230	0	0	9	400	243	3000	1973
Kern County Sheriffs	72834	5500	0	0	60	2155	1550000	300000	24000
Ridgecrest FO	72834	6060	0	0	208	3228	247940	43421	21021
Angelus NF	30490	2706	0	0	225	2020	96241	68015	7609
San Diego County Sheriffs	30040	360	0	0	51	5934	350000	9400	0
Napa County Sheriffs	15000	67	0	0	47	376	300	149	149
Alpine County Sheriffs	10000	445	10000	45	20	340	53000	944	927
Colorado River District	2603	810	0	0	22	11000	365	110000	NA
Inyo NF	2500	4052	252000	470	43	427	60360	16620	21000
San Jauquin County Sheriffs	1500	0	0	0	12	198	70	861	861
Bishop FO	1300	2500	0	0	22	2200	180000	24000	7047
Holister FO	478	242	0	0	30	300	35000	7450	25000
Santa Clara County Sheriffs	457	207	0	0	95	540	46897	46897	46897
Arcata FO	220	32	0	0	26	1430	25000	3760	2454
Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	154	5100	59840	20909	6329
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904



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Plumas County Sheriffs	679076	4967	644690	1806	41	1408	117600	8000	745	16
Lassen NF	618000	2535	618000	1127	39	590	17700	6082	6082	46
Plumas NF	591586	4967	591586	1052	0	0	102443	0	0	0
San Bernardino Code Enf.	319021	30000	160640	227	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barstow FO</b>	<b>301445</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>723319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4758</b>	<b>933</b>
San Bernardino Sheriffs VV	301044	24000	0	0	10	140	280000	6000	900	NR
Imperial County Sheriffs	238942	3673	0	0	151	962	123132	242	51934	4223
Yucca Valley Police Dept.	188374	0	0	0	0	250	NA	140	52	7
El Centro	153581	3486	0	0	440	12061	9503480	1124000	107967	3123
San Bernardino Sheriffs Bar	144237	26000	0	0	6	2000	365	4000	5077	39
Los Angeles County Sheriffs	133000	1300	0	0	10	220	57389	57389	736	350
California City Police	121400	2172	0	0	10	4800	107772	372	793	32
Riverside County Sheriffs	113476	1230	0	0	9	400	243	3000	1973	221
Kern County Sheriffs	72834	5500	0	0	60	2155	1550000	300000	24000	356
Ridgecrest FO	72834	6060	0	0	208	3228	247940	43421	21021	362
Angeles NF	30490	2706	0	0	225	2020	96241	68015	7609	151
San Diego County Sheriffs	30040	360	0	0	51	5934	350000	9400	0	180
Napa County Sheriffs	15000	67	0	0	47	376	300	149	149	25
Alpine County Sheriffs	10000	445	10000	45	20	340	53000	944	927	14
Colorado River District	2603	810	0	0	22	11000	365	110000	NA	NA
Inyo NF	2500	4052	252000	470	43	427	60360	16620	21000	59
San Jauquin County Sheriffs	1500	0	0	0	12	198	70	861	861	536
Bishop FO	1300	2500	0	0	22	2200	180000	24000	7047	10
Holister FO	478	242	0	0	30	300	35000	7450	25000	70
Santa Clara County Sheriffs	457	207	0	0	95	540	46897	46897	46897	23
Arcata FO	220	32	0	0	26	1430	25000	3760	2454	216
Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678	46
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655	278
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138	2
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617	54
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	154	5100	59840	20909	6329	72
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904	27

Eldorado NF	0	1253	25000	180	220	2162	70527	19829	7829	121
Fresno County Sheriffs	0	1900	0	380	10	80	62000	5526	862	18
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Bridge..)	0	98	120000	4	4	50	80000	16000	16500	79
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Carson)	0	340	150000	24	2	117	80000	16000	30000	30
Los Padres NF	0	527	0	0	180	2979	230267	62220	35767	190
Mono County Sheriffs	0	0	250000	300	21	60	132	2537	2537	3
Palm Springs South Coast FO	0	1500	0	0	98	4450	2281714	22000	17000	259
Redding FO	0	101	0	0	50	1200	43000	1600	4000	85
San Bernardino NF	0	903	0	0	3150	27823	171000	28433	8433	45
Sequoia NF	0	152	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shasta Trinity	0	158	0	0	7	725	24330	5485	1146	2
Sierra NF	0	2624	72800	234	78	4127	74086	6785	5230	235
Simi Valley Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	NR
Six Rivers NF	0	690	0	0	38	2832	22000	500	511	6
Stanislaus NF	0	3370	181430	671.5	105	4530	174080	34272	25770	183
Toulumne County Sheriffs	0	0	30000	532.7	40	20	0	0	414	80
Ukiah FO	0	93	0	0	22	488	228	7928	890	57

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Lassen NF	618000	2535	618000	1127	39	590	17700	6082	6082
Plumas NF	591586	4967	591586	1052	0	0	102443	0	0
San Bernardino Code Enf.	319021	30000	160640	227	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barstow FO</b>	<b>301445</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>723319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4758</b>
San Bernardino Sheriffs VV	301044	24000	0	0	10	140	280000	6000	900 NR
Imperial County Sheriffs	238942	3673	0	0	151	962	123132	242	51934
Yucca Valley Police Dept.	188374	0	0	0	0	250 NA	NA	140	52
El Centro	153581	3486	0	0	440	12061	9503480	1124000	107967
San Bernardino Sheriffs Bar	144237	26000	0	0	6	2000	365	4000	5077
Los Angeles County Sheriffs	133000	1300	0	0	10	220	57389	57389	736
California City Police	121400	2172	0	0	10	4800	107772	372	793
Riverside County Sheriffs	113476	1230	0	0	9	400	243	3000	1973
Kern County Sheriffs	72834	5500	0	0	60	2155	1550000	300000	240000
Ridgecrest FO	72834	6060	0	0	208	3228	247940	43421	21021
Angelus NF	30490	2706	0	0	225	2020	96241	68015	7609
San Diego County Sheriffs	30040	360	0	0	51	5934	350000	9400	0
Napa County Sheriffs	15000	67	0	0	47	376	300	149	149
Alpine County Sheriffs	10000	445	10000	45	20	340	53000	944	927
Colorado River District	2603	810	0	0	22	11000	365	110000	NA
Inyo NF	2500	4052	252000	470	43	427	60360	16620	21000
San Jauquin County Sheriffs	1500	0	0	0	12	198	70	861	861
Bishop FO	1300	2500	0	0	22	2200	180000	24000	7047
Holister FO	478	242	0	0	30	300	35000	7450	25000
Santa Clara County Sheriffs	457	207	0	0	95	540	46897	46897	46897
Arcata FO	220	32	0	0	26	1430	25000	3760	2454
Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	154	5100	59840	20909	6329
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904

Eldorado NF	0	1253	25000	180	220	2162	70527	19829	7829	121
Fresno County Sheriffs	0	1900	0	380	10	80	62000	5526	862	18
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Bridge..)	0	98	120000	4	4	50	80000	16000	16500	79
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Carson)	0	340	150000	24	2	117	80000	16000	30000	30
Los Padres NF	0	527	0	0	180	2979	230267	62220	35767	190
Mono County Sheriffs	0	0	250000	300	21	60	132	2537	2537	3
Palm Springs South Coast FO	0	1500	0	0	98	4450	2281714	22000	17000	259
Redding FO	0	101	0	0	50	1200	43000	1600	4000	85
San Bernardino NF	0	903	0	0	3150	27823	171000	28433	8433	45
Sequoia NF	0	152	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shasta Trinity	0	158	0	0	7	725	24330	5485	1146	2
Sierra NF	0	2624	72800	234	78	4127	74086	6785	5230	235
Simi Valley Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	NR
Six Rivers NF	0	690	0	0	38	2832	22000	500	511	6
Stanislaus NF	0	3370	181430	671.5	105	4530	174080	34272	25770	183
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Plumas NF	591586	4967	591586	1052	0	0	102443	0	0
San Bernardino Code Enf.	319021	30000	160640	227	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barstow FO</b>	<b>301445</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>723319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4758</b>
San Bernardino Sheriffs VV	301044	24000	0	0	10	140	280000	6000	900
Imperial County Sheriffs	238942	3673	0	0	151	962	123132	242	51934
Yucca Valley Police Dept.	188374	0	0	0	0	250	NA	140	52
El Centro	153581	3486	0	0	440	12061	9503480	1124000	107967
San Bernardino Sheriffs Bar	144237	26000	0	0	6	2000	365	4000	5077
Los Angeles County Sheriffs	133000	1300	0	0	10	220	57389	57389	736
California City Police	121400	2172	0	0	10	4800	107772	372	793
Riverside County Sheriffs	113476	1230	0	0	9	400	243	3000	1973
Kern County Sheriffs	72834	5500	0	0	60	2155	1550000	300000	24000
Ridgecrest FO	72834	6060	0	0	208	3228	247940	43421	21021
Angeles NF	30490	2706	0	0	225	2020	96241	68015	7609
San Diego County Sheriffs	30040	360	0	0	51	5934	350000	9400	0
Napa County Sheriffs	15000	67	0	0	47	376	300	149	149
Alpine County Sheriffs	10000	445	10000	45	20	340	53000	944	927
Colorado River District	2603	810	0	0	22	11000	365	110000	NA
Inyo NF	2500	4052	252000	470	43	427	60360	16620	21000
San Jauquin County Sheriffs	1500	0	0	0	12	198	70	861	861
Bishop FO	1300	2500	0	0	22	2200	180000	24000	7047
Holister FO	478	242	0	0	30	300	35000	7450	25000
Santa Clara County Sheriffs	457	207	0	0	95	540	46897	46897	46897
Arcata FO	220	32	0	0	26	1430	25000	3760	2454
Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	154	5100	59840	20909	6329
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904

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Fresno County Sheriffs	0	1900	0	380	10	80	62000	5526	862	18
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Bridge..)	0	98	120000	4	4	50	80000	16000	16500	79
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Carson)	0	340	150000	24	2	117	80000	16000	30000	30
Los Padres NF	0	527	0	0	180	2979	230267	62220	35767	190
Mono County Sheriffs	0	0	250000	300	21	60	132	2537	2537	3
Palm Springs South Coast FO	0	1500	0	0	98	4450	2281714	22000	17000	259
Redding FO	0	101	0	0	50	1200	43000	1600	4000	85
San Bernardino NF	0	903	0	0	3150	27823	171000	28433	8433	45
Sequoia NF	0	152	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shasta Trinity	0	158	0	0	7	725	24330	5485	1146	2
Sierra NF	0	2624	72800	234	78	4127	74086	6785	5230	235
Simi Valley Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	NR
Six Rivers NF	0	690	0	0	38	2832	22000	500	511	6
Stanislaus NF	0	3370	181430	671.5	105	4530	174080	34272	25770	183
Toulumne County Sheriffs	0	0	30000	532.7	40	20	0	0	414	80
Ukiah FO	0	93	0	0	22	488	228	7928	890	57

**PAR Comparison Sorted by Number of Citations**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b># Open Acres OHV</b>	<b>Miles Open OHV Routes</b>	<b># Open Acres OSV Routes</b>	<b>Miles Open OSV Routes</b>	<b># Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Volunteer Days</b>	<b># Visitor Contacts</b>	<b># LE Contacts</b>	<b># of Citations</b>
Plumas County Sheriffs	679076	4967	644690	1806	41	1408	117600	8000	745
Lassen NF	618000	2535	618000	1127	39	590	17700	6082	6082
Plumas NF	591586	4967	591586	1052	0	0	102443	0	0
San Bernardino Code Enf.	319021	30000	160640	227	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Barstow FO</b>	<b>301445</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>723319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4758</b>
San Bernardino Sheriffs VV	301044	24000	0	0	10	140	280000	6000	900
Imperial County Sheriffs	238942	3673	0	0	151	962	123132	242	51934
Yucca Valley Police Dept.	188374	0	0	0	0	250	NA	140	4223
El Centro	153581	3486	0	0	440	12061	9503480	1124000	107967
San Bernardino Sheriffs Bar	144237	26000	0	0	6	2000	365	4000	5077
Los Angeles County Sheriffs	133000	1300	0	0	10	220	57389	57389	736
California City Police	121400	2172	0	0	10	4800	107772	372	793
Riverside County Sheriffs	113476	1230	0	0	9	400	243	3000	1973
Kern County Sheriffs	72834	5500	0	0	60	2155	1550000	300000	240000
Ridgecrest FO	72834	6060	0	0	208	3228	247940	43421	21021
Angeles NF	30490	2706	0	0	225	2020	96241	68015	7609
San Diego County Sheriffs	30040	360	0	0	51	5934	350000	9400	0
Napa County Sheriffs	15000	67	0	0	47	376	300	149	149
Alpine County Sheriffs	10000	445	10000	45	20	340	53000	944	927
Colorado River District	2603	810	0	0	22	11000	365	110000	NA
Inyo NF	2500	4052	252000	470	43	427	60360	16620	21000
San Jauquin County Sheriffs	1500	0	0	0	12	198	70	861	861
Bishop FO	1300	2500	0	0	22	2200	180000	24000	7047
Holister FO	478	242	0	0	30	300	35000	7450	25000
Santa Clara County Sheriffs	457	207	0	0	95	540	46897	46897	46897
Arcata FO	220	32	0	0	26	1430	25000	3760	2454
Tahoe NF	45	2004	414572	349	260	3330	1421000	13149	22678
Mendocino NF	10	1452	0	0	70	1999	149720	67237	64655
Butte County Sheriffs	0	80000	80000	450	45	123	0	0	138
Calaveras County Sheriffs	0	950	80000	252	20	248	27491	5142	3617
Cleveland NF	0	306	0	0	154	5100	59840	20909	6329
Eagle Lake FO	0	15000	0	0	5	80	9000	605	1904

Eldorado NF	0	1253	25000	180	220	2162	70527	19829	7829	121
Fresno County Sheriffs	0	1900	0	380	10	80	62000	5526	862	18
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Bridge..)	0	98	120000	4	4	50	80000	16000	16500	79
Hombolt Toyabe NF (Carson)	0	340	150000	24	2	117	80000	16000	30000	30
Los Padres NF	0	527	0	0	180	2979	230267	62220	35767	190
Mono County Sheriffs	0	0	250000	300	21	60	132	2537	2537	3
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## BLM – Bishop Field Office

## OR-1-B-60 Bishop Field Office Conservation

### **Division Score 75 out of 100**

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>		<b>Division Score/Rationale</b>	<b>BLM Suggested Score/Rational</b>
1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will:	<b>34 out of 50</b>	<b>40 out of 50</b> Increase of 6 points	<p><b>The grant's propose, while being considered a Conservation grant, is to identify, record and mitigate harm or potential harm to CULTURAL SITES along existing routes.</b></p> <p>Requirement 1 states "The project will protect and conserve ECOLOGICAL conditions to sustain use or the roads, trails etc."</p> <p>If you substitute the work CULTURAL for ECOLOGICAL some of the statements made in the application would be much more relevant and significant.</p>
a. Reduce erosion and meet established soil conservation standards	<p><i>The project would monitor erosion to prevent impacts on cultural resources.</i></p> <p><i>The applicant did not address soil standards.</i></p>	<p><i>The project would identify and protect cultural resources. The applicant did not address WHPP.</i></p> <p>b. Protect critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, cultural, etc.) and meet wildlife habitat protection program requirements (WHPP)</p>	<p><b>The wildlife protection plan WHPP is primarily an wildlife habitat plan and really has no relevance on cultural resources.</b></p>

## OR-1-B-60 Bishop Field Office Conservation

### Division Score 75 out of 100

Evaluation Criteria		Division Score/Rationale	BLM Suggested Score/Rational
2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:	<b>30 out of 35</b> <b>35 out of 35</b> Increase of 5 points		
a. Use of innovative, efficient and/or effective materials or methods to reduce costs	<i>The project would use computer modeling of potential sites as an efficient way to prioritize surveys over 100,000 acres.</i>	<i>The project is a most innovative application and was funded primarily from a Division grant.</i>	
b. How the project will reduce maintenance costs	<i>The project would prevent larger impacts and related future costs by addressing small problems before they become larger problems.</i>	<i>Additionally, the project will not only reduce future maintenance cost but protect priceless cultural heritage.</i>	
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	<i>The applicant would work with the CASSP and the Bishop Indian Tribe.</i>	<i>Applicant has history of using volunteers to reduce reliance on OHV funds. "Bishop BLM has 24 certified (see PAR section V) volunteers who last year donated 324 hours of time and effort to monitoring sites in the project area and provide feedback to the BLM.</i> <i>BLM appropriated funding supports, trains and administers the CASSP volunteer program along with financial contributions to assistance agreements with other local tribes such as the Bridgeport Indian Colony." P2 of application</i>	

## OR-1-B-59 Bishop Field Office Law Enforcement

### Division Score 73 out of 100

### BLM Suggested Score 83 out of 100

Evaluation Criteria	Division Score/Rationale	BLM Suggested Score/Rationale
1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by:	<b>27 out of 35</b>  a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.  <i>The project would provide; "...protection of restoration projects and closed areas, protection of cultural sites, protection of Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas, education and enforcement of off-highway motor vehicle laws, public outreach, public health and safety, volunteer use and maintenance of regulatory signing or barricades."</i>	<b>30 out of 35</b>  Increase of 3 points  <i>Page 1&amp;2 of application discusses strong patrol presence, quick repair of OHV damaged areas to halt further damage, strong volunteer effort on getting out rules and regulations and talking with users on ethics, volunteers provided 700 hours of educational efforts. These are the <u>proactive</u> measures we felt were overlooked in the scoring.</i>
b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.	  <i>The project area contains; "...one Wilderness and eight Wilderness Study Areas." Application states; "To reduce OHV Wilderness intrusions in the Inyo Mountains Wilderness the area is patrolled weekly..." Project would include education and extra patrol in peak seasons. A user guide helps prevent trespass.</i>	  <i>Additionally, the application discussed other grants to improve Wilderness signing. We show a working relationship with DWP, third largest property owner in E. Sierra, (400,000ac) as partners in High Desert OHV plan. We talked about our signing efforts in the Bodie Hills to prevent private property trespass.</i>

## OR-1-B-59 Bishop Field Office Law Enforcement

### Division Score 73 out of 100

### BLM Suggested Score 83 out of 100

Evaluation Criteria	Division Score/Rationale	BLM Suggested Score/Rationale
2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:	<b>20 out of 30</b>	<b>21 out of 30</b> <b>Increase of 1 point</b>
c. Search and rescue	<i>The applicant's personnel would assist the <del>San Bernardino Sheriff's Department</del> SAR with SAR.</i>	<i>BLM personnel work closely with and participate in rescues with <u>Inyo county SAR</u></i>
d. Education/outreach	<i>The project would include contacts on patrol, information booth at two events and handouts.</i>	<i>We contacted over 20,000 users through both paid and volunteer staff. We also provide information on our Web site.</i>
3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:	<b>17 out of 20</b>	<b>20 out of 20</b> <b>Increase of 3 points</b>
a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	<i>The applicant works with or has worked with the Bridgeport Indian Colony, the California Native Plant Society, the California deer Association, the Mule Deer Foundation, Quail Unlimited, the Audubon Society and American Honda.</i>	<i>Bishop BLM has enjoyed a very positive community and other agency support. Our list of partners who support the OHV program shows that a number of diverse user groups, individuals, and associations support and work with us in developing an outstanding LE OHV program (and we included letters of support within this application): They are Friends of the Inyo, Inyo County Coalition of Chambers of Commerce, Mammoth Lakes/Eastern Sierra 4WD Club, Explore Historic California( motorized guide), Eastern Sierra Quail Unlimited, Mono County Economic Development, Sierra Club, California Native Plant Society, and many concerned citizens.</i>

## OR-1-B-59 Bishop Field Office Law Enforcement

### Division Score 73 out of 100

### BLM Suggested Score 83 out of 100

Evaluation Criteria	Division Score/Rationale	BLM Suggested Score/Rationale
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	<p>The project would include \$118,600 in agency contributions. The applicant has received funding, volunteers and donated vehicles from a variety of sources.</p> <p>\$118,600 plus the value of volunteer labor is a 3 dollar match to every 1 OHV dollar.</p>	
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor	Volunteers are attributed with over 700 hours of labor.	<p>Volunteers donated 2,200 hours of labor as stated in application –(see PAR)</p>
4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:	<p><b>9 out of 15</b></p> <p><b>Increase of 3 points</b></p>	<p><b>12 out of 15</b></p> <p><b>Increase of 3 points</b></p>
a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5) b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)		<p>These same requirements were scored in our Conservation Application and scored 11 out of 15. We request the same score here.</p>
c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)	A statement relating to commitment of staff is included. No detail is provided regarding how long staff has been involved in OHV recreation management . OHV opportunity has been remained at the same level for 20 years. [3]	We have been receiving OHV trust funds for 21 years. We believe that maintaining the same level of opportunity, <u>With No Loss</u> , for over 20 years speaks volume to our commitment.

## OR-1-B-61 Bishop Field Office Restoration

### Division Score 89 out of 100

### BLM Suggested Score 96 out of 100

Evaluation Criteria	Division Score/Rationale	BLM Suggested Score/Rationale
1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:	<b>38 out of 40</b>  <b>Increase of 2 points</b>	<b>40 out of 40</b>  <b>Increase of 2 points</b>
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	<i>The project would address Grouse habitat, Alkali plant community, soil movement, surface tread and impacts on the watershed.</i>	<i>We also addressed songbirds, migratory birds and mule deer habitat in the application.</i>
b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species	<i>The project would benefit prime habitat of the Greater Sage Grouse (listed as a sensitive species).</i>	<i>Fish Slough Milk Vetch, Owens pup fish-listed endangered species.</i>
5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:	<b>10 out of 15</b>	<b>12 out of 15</b>  <b>Increase of 2 points</b>
a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)	<i>The applicant mentions a previous project completed with OHV trust funds. The applicant did not address time frame. [2]</i>	<i>We referenced several projects, both OHV trust fund and other grants, that were completed on time and with in budget.</i>

## BLM – California Desert District

OR-1-CD-364	CA Desert District Restoration - BLM	Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision <i>* text taken from grant application</i>
1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:	33 out of 40			38 out of 40
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	<i>The project would address fragmentation of habitat, soil compaction, “disturbing animal populations,” “critical habitat” and “other habitat.” The application states; “The wilderness areas which constitute the project area contain some of the best habitat for more than 15 federally listed and 15 State listed species.”</i>			*...some of the best habitat for more than 15 federally listed and 15 State listed species. [+2]
b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species	<i>The project would address the California desert tortoise and the peninsular bighorn sheep.</i>			* Effective wilderness management, including elimination of OHV use, provides protection for cultural resources. For example, the site treatments reduce the incidence of OHV use over and to the sites increase the efficacy of law enforcement, because any post-treatment vehicle incursions by those bent on theft or destruction of cultural resources are obvious and indisputable. [+3]
c. Cultural resources	<i>The application states; “There are 1,568 known and recorded cultural sites within the project area.”</i>			
d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	<i>The application states “The project area is the entire 3.6 million acres of the 67 wilderness areas in the CDD.”</i>			Page 266 of 412

OR-1-CD-364		CA Desert District Restoration - BLM	
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	
<b>2.</b> The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:	<b>14 out of 15</b>	<b>14 out of 15</b>	
a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs	<i>The application states “With successful restoration, future law enforcement and maintenance costs will be reduced. Law enforcement rangers will be able to issue citations with less ambiguity where closed trails are disguised and linear features obliterated where illegal trespass will be blatant and incontrovertible.”</i>		no change
b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs	<i>The application states “Successful restoration techniques used in one CDD field office will be transferred to other resource areas and tested, eliminating ineffective restoration prescriptions in some regions, while employing new techniques and proven successful prescriptions in recreation areas with different OHV use patterns.”</i>		
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	<i>The project would include the use of four Wilderness Restoration Corps volunteers for 6,000 hours. Public volunteers are expected to provide an additional “several hundred hours.” Duties would be restoration work. No cost value for the volunteer labor was provided.</i>		

CA Desert District Restoration - BLM		
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	<p>The application states; “The CDD restoration specialist will coordinate with multiple local public interest stakeholders to increase public involvement and support for restoration projects, which will increase the potential for long-term, sustainable OHV recreation in the CA desert district.” The applicant would work with the Student Conservation Association (SCA).</p>	
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	<p><i>The application indicates that the SCA has contributed \$300,000 for in-kind support and the BLM has contributed \$600,000 in staff support. The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows \$78,880 in agency contributions.</i></p>	
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b>	<b>13 out of 20</b>	<b>19 out of 20</b>
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:	<p><i>The applicant did not address this item.</i></p>	* wilderness boundary signs were installed and educational brochures and maps were provided to public users. However, OHV incursions continued, although at diminished rates. [+2]
i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted		
ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue	<p><i>The applicant did not address this item.</i></p>	* All of the on-the-ground techniques [installation and maintenance of signs, gates, barriers and a Law Enforcement presence] and public outreach and education are more effective when used in conjunction with restoration along the wilderness boundary. [+2]

OR-1-CD-364		CA Desert District Restoration - BLM	
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	
iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area	<i>The applicant did not address this item.</i>	* Over the next five years, the public users became more familiar with appropriate wilderness uses and the BLM more intensively used gates and barriers and an aggressive Law Enforcement presence. [+2]	
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:	<i>The application states; “The restoration will repair damage caused by OHVs and reduce the incidence of future damage by OHV use.” The application does not provide specifics on what measures would be take to prevent recurrence of illegal activity.</i>		
c. Closure due to management action:		<i>The application states; “The project area was closed by statute, rather than by administrative action. As such, the BLM has There [sic] have been no additional statutory or administrative closures due to the project. All of the six management techniques discussed previously will continue to be used. Whether the measures continue to be necessary can only be determined by monitoring the past restoration sites for vehicle OHV (Refer to Analysis of Needs and Benefits of Project, page 2 of 26 and Repair of Illegal OHV Activity page 6 of 26).”</i>	
i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary			

OR-1-CD-364		CA Desert District Restoration - BLM	
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	
<b>4.</b> Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.	<b>9 out of 10</b>	<b>9 out of 10</b>	<b>no change</b>
	<p><i>The application states; “The two purposes of the proposal are to monitor past treatments to determine whether OHV use has occurred subsequent to treatments and, if so, to re-treat the sites. The restoration projects will be monitored and maintained, if necessary, to ensure successful restoration (Refer to Success Criteria for Monitoring p.13 of 26).” Law enforcement is also addressed.</i></p>	<p><b>10 out of 15</b></p> <p><i>The application states that this would be the seventh and final year of the project.</i></p> <p><i>The application states; “Each year, the wilderness restoration crew has completed the projects in the estimated timeframe for the projects.” The applicant did not provide details regarding time frame. [2]</i></p>	<p>Each of the previous six years of wilderness restoration projects in the CDD has been completed within one year from the date of the project agreements, well within the 3 year project agreement timeframes. [+1]</p>

CA Desert District Restoration - BLM		
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	<p><i>The application states; “In twenty years, BLM CA Desert District has never had a negative audit with respect to the OHMVR grant projects. In this time, no audits have resulted in the return of grant funds due to misappropriations or improper funding of projects outside the scope of the grant project agreements. The funding has been expended consistent with the grants and the audit packages for the first three years have been submitted. Second half payments have not been received for 2004-2006 and so no audit packages have been submitted for those years.” [4]</i></p>	<p>* For the past six years, the California Desert District (CDD) has embarked on numerous large-scale arid lands restoration projects to ensure sustainable OHV recreation, while preserving viable habitat for sensitive and listed species. [+3]</p>
Total:	75 / 100	90 / 100

BLM CA Desert District Conservation 07			
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	* text taken from grant application
1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will:	<b>28 out of 50</b>	<b>33 out of 50</b>	
a. Reduce erosion and meet established soil conservation standards	<i>The project did not address erosion or soil standards.</i>		
b. Protect critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, cultural, etc.) and meet wildlife habitat protection program requirements (WHPP)	<i>The project would protect raptors, Juniper Sub region riparian habitat, Mojave fringe-toad lizard, desert tortoise, vireos, willow flycatcher, and arroyo toad. The project also mentions and Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The application did not address WHPP.</i>	According to the Application Instructions Ch 1 Section 7, Conservation Grants that apply to monitoring can use Form M, which is included in our grant package. [+5]	
c. Monitor use for potential effects to resources and prevent future damage	<i>The project would monitor routes crossing riparian habitat and selected species. The application mentions compliance monitoring, but it is not defined.</i>		
2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:	<b>25 out of 35</b>	<b>25 out of 35</b>	Page 272 of 412
a. Use of innovative, efficient and/or effective materials or methods to reduce costs	<i>The applicant would use a database and recent over flights to target groundtruthing as an efficient use of funds.</i>	no change	

BLM CA Desert District Conservation 07		
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision
b. How the project will reduce maintenance costs	<i>The applicant did not address this item.</i>	
c. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor	<i>The application refers to prior use of volunteers in monitoring projects, but does not state that they would be used in this project. Project would use United States Geological Survey (USGS).</i>	
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	<i>The applicant would work with Friends of Juniper Flats, USGS, the Sierra Club, and OHV enthusiast groups.</i>	
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	<i>The applicant did not address this item. The Project Costs/Deliverables pages show an agency contribution of \$14,200.</i>	
3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:	<b>4 out of 15</b>	<b>4 out of 15</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (5)	<i>The application mentions previous projects, but time frame was not addressed.</i>	no change
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	<i>The applicant did not address this item.</i>	
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)	<i>The application mentions contract and staff biologists.</i> [2]	

OR-1-CD-365			BLM CA Desert District Conservation 07		
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale		Suggested Score Revision		
Totals:	57 / 100		62 / 100		

CDD Safety and Education - BLM		
Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project's curriculum or services lead to [21 out of 35] the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or natural resources. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>BLM proposed score revision [30 out of 35]</b>	
a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict, or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application.	The Desert Tortoise is a significant factor affecting public land use. Declines in Desert Tortoise populations stem from multiple factors, some of which relate to human activities.	The Desert Tortoise is a significant factor affecting public land use. Declines in Desert Tortoise populations stem from multiple factors, some of which relate to human activities.
b. Protecting residents, private property and landowners adjacent to OHV recreation from noise, trespass and property damage	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	A primary message of the tortoise education and outreach campaign is one of 'respect.' This is stressed for both the tortoise <b>and</b> for tortoise habitat, including private property. Publications, PSAs, and other products will address respect for private property.
c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)	Improved OHV user behavior will help to protect Desert Tortoise habitat by reducing crushing of tortoise burrows.	Improved OHV user behavior will help to protect Desert Tortoise habitat by reducing crushing of tortoise burrows.
d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item..	OHV user behaviors that benefit desert tortoises will also help reduce OHV trespass and illegal riding through improved driver behavior. Adherence to law and respect for others are emphasized themes of outreach program.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
e. Preventing off-route travel  <b>Stay on Designated Trails</b> as a primary message. This pamphlet is now in its second printing and nearly 30,000 have been distributed to OHV enthusiasts and other desert recreation users.	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	"You're in Desert Tortoise Country" brochure has "You're in Desert Tortoise Country" brochure has
f. Promoting safe and responsible OHV use	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	One of the primary goals of the tortoise outreach project is to teach respect for the tortoise as a unique creature that symbolizes the desert. The program also stresses individual action and personal responsibility as one avenue to tortoise recovery as well as maintaining user access to public lands. A survey is being conducted by Colorado State U. that will identify attitudes and values of OHV users with respect to desert tortoises. Data from the survey will be used to design informational products and media to promote responsible OHV use based on identified user values and attitudes.
	<b>2. The project will address OHV-related safety [16 out of 35] and/or education issues. Examples may include one or more of the following:</b>	<b>BLM proposed score revision [20 out of 35]</b>
a. Inspection stations (e.g. noise compliance, vehicle safety)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item	Campaign information including "You're in Desert Tortoise Country" brochure will be evaluated for distribution at inspection stations.
b. Search and rescue	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	Not applicable to project.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
c. Volunteer Trail patrol	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	This is beyond the scope of our current project, although we will review this for suitability in future grant proposals.
d. Education/outreach (e.g. handbooks, public service announcements)	Reviewing and providing quality control for radio and television PSAs, press	Reviewing and providing quality control for radio and television PSAs, press
e. Other proactive measures	Other proactive measures include a Desert Tortoise web page, organizing media field trips.	Other proactive measures include a Desert Tortoise web page, organizing media field trips. Campaign public service messages proposed for radio and television will reach OHV users with targeted messages. Mojave Max Emergence Contest is a creative program targeted at school-age desert residents and OHV users.
<b>3. The project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. At a minimum, the application must address:</b>	<b>[14 out of 15]</b>	<b>BLM proposed score revision [15 out of 15]</b>
a. Cost effectiveness (cost vs. numbers of students or general public) (5)	At an estimated 270,000 contacts and a total cost of \$175,899 the cost would be \$.65 per contact. [4]	Actual contacts will be much higher than 270,000 in FY07. Radio PSAs will be broadcast over a wider number of stations covering more media markets. Literature distributed (20,000 copies) will reach an average of 2-3 people per copy based on known usage of other similar media. Mojave Max program will have 1,000 student entries and will reach classmates of entrants as well, potentially many thousands more young people. Web site on tortoise outreach could reach 300,000-400,000 annual users based on traffic on other DMG-operated sites. Planned events (media days plus tortoise conference) could result in 5-10 thousand additional public contacts. Total estimated contacts for project in 07 are conservatively projected at 900,000-950,000.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds) (5)	<p>The applicant generated \$140,500 in support costs from non-federal partners.</p> <p>National Park Service contributed \$25,938. The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$83,350. [5]</p>	
c. Use of partnerships, volunteers, or appropriate use of equipment such as computerized training to reduce the OHV funds needed for the project (5)	<p>Partners and volunteers include the National Park Service, Clark County Conservation Office and the Joshua Tree National Park Association. [5]</p>	
4. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:	<p><b>[4 out of 15]</b></p> <p><b>BLM proposed score revision [12 out of 15]</b></p>	
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)	<p>The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]</p>	<p>All project monies will be spent within the federal FY07 fiscal year or no later than 9/30/07. Virtually activities associated with these funds must also be completed. This is necessary to meet obligations to other grant partners.</p>
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	<p>The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]</p>	<p>This project has already completed one full year of operation with financial support from six other federal, state, and non-profit grant partners. In addition, grant proponents have prior success with grant programs for several other threatened and endangered species outreach programs that required detailed fiscal accountability through government and non-profit organizations. Primary project coordinator has 20 years experience of oversight and fiscal accountability on education grant projects.</p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
c. History of successful and timely implementation of planning results and recommendations (5)	The applicant cited a well qualified staff with years of experience who have worked and developed highly successful education programs. [4]	The applicant cited a well qualified staff with years of experience who have worked and developed highly successful education programs. [4]
	<b>Assigned Score 55/100</b>	<b>BLM Recommended Score 77/100</b>

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Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the</b>	<b>BLM recommended scoring [40 out of 40]</b>	
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	The project would use soil stabilization to reduce transport of mercury laden sediment which will improve water quality and benefit migratory bird, serpentine shrub and forest habitats.	The project would use soil stabilization to reduce transport of mercury laden sediment which will improve water quality and benefit migratory bird, serpentine shrub and forest habitats.
b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species	The project lists San Benito Evening Primrose, bald eagles and fourteen rare endemic serpentine plants.	The project lists San Benito Evening Primrose, bald eagles and fourteen rare endemic serpentine plants.
c. Cultural resources	The applicant did not address this item .	Refer to page 19 of the grant application. "The Hollister BLM archaeologist will instruct contractors and their crew about areas to avoid before restoration and monitoring began. The archaeologist will inspect all proposed restoration sites on serpentine barrens and advise BLM resource specialists and the restoration contractors on permissible site selection for restoration plots. No sites for sampling, planting, or other earth- or surface-disturbing activity shall have cultural and historical resources present. The only chance of disturbing artifacts would occur if a BLM employee or restoration crew member inadvertently walked over an artifact."
		Refer also to page 6 of the environmental assessment accompanying the grant application. "In the event that cultural or paleontological resources are discovered during restoration activities, operations in the vicinity of the discovered resources shall cease immediately and the contracted project manager would notify a BLM designated Archaeologist. The Archaeologist would, as appropriate, evaluate the significance of the find and determine the need for mitigation. The project manager shall not proceed with restoration activities until authorized. The proposed removal of any materials or structures that may be of questionable age, 50 years or older, would be assessed for proper archaeological clearances. Currently, there are no identified Native American values associated with the SBMRNA area" (page 21 - environ. assessment).

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	The applicant did not address this item	This restoration project occurs on at selected serpentine barren sites at the headwaters of Clear Creek and San Carlos Creek in the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area (RNA), San Benito County, CA (see grant application page 12). The area is also a Wilderness Study Area and the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (refer to accompanying NEPA environmental assessment, pages 21-22). BLM uses this area for new technologies for serpentine ecosystem
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more</b>	<b>[13 out of 15]</b>	<b>[13 out of 15]</b>
a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and low cost labor	The project would test the efficiency of new techniques related to specific serpentine barrens restoration	The project would test the efficiency of new techniques related to specific serpentine barrens restoration
b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or	The General Project Description lists several techniques to be tested.	The General Project Description lists several techniques to be tested.
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant plans to use graduate students, volunteers from the California Native Plant Society and other similar organizations to complete the project goals. The application mentions health and safety limitations on the use of volunteers. The applicant did not provide details on cost savings.	The applicant plans to use graduate students, volunteers from the California Native Plant Society and other similar organizations to complete the project goals. The application mentions health and safety limitations on the use of volunteers. The applicant did not provide details on cost savings.
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV	The applicant would work with U.C. Davis to train staff for the project	The applicant would work with U.C. Davis to train staff for the project
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant mentions a plan to seek out funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Project Costs/Deliverables Pages show an agency contribution of \$39,360.	The applicant mentions a plan to seek out funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Project Costs/Deliverables Pages show an agency contribution of \$39,360.
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of</b>	<b>[13 out of 20]</b>	<b>[13 out of 20]</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted.	i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted Applicant mentions that herbicides and non-native plants were considered. ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue: Herbicides could not be used due to the potential impact on soil crust-forming microbes and water quality. Non-native plants could not be used because they would be inconsistent with the project objectives. iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area	i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted Applicant mentions that herbicides and non-native plants were considered. ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue: Herbicides could not be used due to the potential impact on soil crust-forming microbes and water quality. Non-native plants could not be used because they would be inconsistent with the project objectives. iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:	i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity. The project would use fences and increased law enforcement. The increased law enforcement is dependent on funding which has been requested in a separate application.	i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity. The project would use fences and increased law enforcement. The increased law enforcement is dependent on funding which has been requested in a separate application.
c. Closure due to management action:	Ti. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary. The project would use fences and increased law enforcement. The increased law enforcement is dependent on funding which has been requested in a separate application.	Ti. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary. The project would use fences and increased law enforcement. The increased law enforcement is dependent on funding which has been requested in a separate application.
4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately	[9 out of 10] The project site will be checked weekly by law enforcement, park rangers, and restoration specialists. No other length of time given.	[9 out of 10] The project site will be checked weekly by law enforcement, park rangers, and restoration specialists. No other length of time given.
5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior	<b>[7 out of 15]</b>	<b>BLM Recommended Score [11 out of 15]</b>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Completion of prior projects(s) within timeframe provided (5)	The application refers to completing restoration field work for OR-1-SW-34, within the project term. The applicant did not provide details. [3]	Refer to page 9 of the grant application text. Restoration work on serpentine barrens of the SBMRNA has been underway since FY 2005. The narrative for grant OR-1-SW-34 in the FY 2007 BLM Hollister FO restoration grant application details the restoration at the barrens of that project to date. Restoration field work undertaken for that grant is now complete, i.e., within the project term in 2007. [5]
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The application states; "For over twenty years, the BLM California State Office has a twenty -year record of collaborative program development with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division to carefully design grant requests and apply grant funds." The applicant did not provide details. [2]	The application states; "For over twenty years, the BLM California State Office has a twenty -year record of collaborative program development with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division to carefully design grant requests and apply
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure (5)	The application states; "Restoration of areas with unsustainable OHV recreation is a key to avoiding closures of the sustainable OHV riding areas and trail networks." Track record of addressing problem areas was not addressed. [2]	Refer to page 9 of the grant application text. The BLM statewide in California is responding to the need for sustainable OHV recreation and motorized access on its public lands. Restoration of areas with unsustainable OHV recreation is a key to avoiding closures of the sustainable OHV riding areas and trail networks. Currently, BLM is focusing its major OHV restoration work in the California Desert District, the Owens Valley, and the Clear Creek Management Area to make OHV recreation sustainable and supporting environmental improvements. [4]

**Assigned Score 79/100****Recommended Score 86/100**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b> <b>[33 out of 50]</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b> <b>BLM proposed score revision [43 out of 50]</b>
<p><b>1. The planning project addresses the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or will lead to new opportunity or protection of resources. The project must address one or more of the following:</b></p> <p>a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application</p>	<p>This project will acquire information to plan an infrastructure so as to avoid harm to riparian areas.</p> <p>Part of the work of this grant is to develop a common operational definition of riparian areas for the Sonoran and Mojave deserts in support of OHMVR policy regarding conservation and protection of riparian fundings and preventing losses to riparian habitat quality from OHMVR-funded projects.</p>	<p>This project will acquire information to plan an infrastructure so as to avoid harm to riparian areas.</p> <p>Part of the work of this grant is to develop a common operational definition of riparian areas for the Sonoran and Mojave deserts in support of OHMVR policy regarding conservation and protection of riparian fundings and preventing losses to riparian habitat quality from OHMVR-funded projects.</p>
<p>b. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage</p>	<p>Degradation of streams may cause more flood damage to downstream landowners</p>	<p>Degradation of streams may cause more flood damage to downstream landowners</p>
<p>c. Protecting habitat or critical rural, wildlife, etc.)</p>	<p>This project will provide protection of riparian ecosystems through avoidance, mitigation and restoration</p>	<p>This project will provide protection of riparian ecosystems through avoidance, mitigation and restoration.</p>
<p>d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass</p>	<p>This project creates a blueprint for an OHV riding network. With excellent routes off-route travel is avoided.</p>	<p>This project creates a blueprint for an OHV riding network that maintains and enhances motorized access and travel but that repairs existing and avoids future OHV damage to riparian ecosystems. With well-designed and purposefully constructed routes, impairment of protected riparian vegetation and waters is avoided.</p>
<p>e. Preventing off-route travel</p>	<p>This project creates a blueprint for an OHV riding network. With excellent routes off-route travel is avoided.</p>	<p>This project creates a blueprint for an OHV riding network that maintains and enhances motorized access and travel but that repairs existing and avoids future OHV damage to riparian ecosystems. With well-designed and purposefully constructed routes, off-route travel in riparian areas is avoided.</p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
f. Protecting public health and safety	This project will allow for improved designs so floods are less likely to degrade routes.	This project will allow for improved designs so floods are less likely to degrade routes. Better structural design of routes around riparian area will ensure that riders avoid mishaps from dangerous conditions arising from washouts and other severe erosion stemming from flooding across OHV routes.
g. Sustaining OHV recreation by avoiding or minimizing the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures of OHV recreation opportunities	Design of trails to avoid impacts to riparian areas reduces repeated high maintenance costs.	Well-conceived design and construction of trails around or above riparian areas will avoid impacts to riparian areas reduces repeated high maintenance costs.
	<b>2. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>BLM proposed score revision [20 out of 35]</b>
a. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item	The applicant did not provide details on low-cost labor and use of volunteers because the structural design requires professional, bonded engineers.
b. Reducing future costs	Design of trails to avoid impacts to riparian areas reduces repeated high maintenance costs.	Design of trails to avoid impacts to riparian areas reduces repeated high maintenance costs. These up-front investments will also reduce the need for restoration funds in the future to repair or remediate damage from motor vehicle travel on otherwise existing undesigned and deteriorating trails in riparian areas.
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)		The applicant will use in-lieu funds, sponsorship and uses fees as well as provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$47,040. The applicant will compete for other grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The Nature Conservancy is listed as a partner with BLM.	The Nature Conservancy is listed as a partner with BLM.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<p><b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b></p>	<p><b>[0 out of 15]</b></p>	<p><b>BLM proposed score revision [10 out of 15]</b></p>
<p>a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)</p>	<p>The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]</p>	<p>BLM has produced landscape-wide management funded in part or in entirety by the OHMVR Program successfully such as wilderness perimeter restoration, California-wide BLM OHV route inventory, and construction of roads and visitor centers on time.</p>
<p>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)</p>	<p>The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]</p>	<p>For more than twenty years, the BLM California State Office has had a collaborative program with the OHMVR Divisionto ensure that fiscal propriety, efficiency, and transparency are hallmarks of the collaborative relation to advance OHV recreation opportunity and motorized access on BLM lands in California. BLM staff at the field offices and the California State Office maintains BLM financial records that are accessible to the OHMVR auditors at any time.</p>
<p>c. History of successful and timely implementation of planning results and recommendations (5)</p>	<p>The applicant states that since 1973 they have completed successful management plans. No further details were provided.</p>	<p>The applicant states that since 1973 they have completed successful management plans. No further details were provided.</p>
		<p><b>BLM Recommended Score 73/100</b></p>
		<p><b>Assigned Score 46/100</b></p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[26 out of 40]</b>	<b>30 out of 40</b>
a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the applicationT	The applicant's most important mission is supporting the OHV program's field offices, providing solutions, facilitating and sharing resources, training, and mentoring.	Additional Criteria was provided- both in answers and throughout application
b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation	The applicant works with Pacific Crest Trail Association to reduce OHV trespass.	Additional Criteria was provided- both in answers and throughout application
c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage	The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.	Additional Criteria was provided- both in answers and throughout application
d. Insuring compliance to protect habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.) and/or closures due to environmental damage	An Ecologist, OHV Coordinator and Soil Scientist have assisted OHMVR Division to develop new soil standards and guidelines	Additional criteria was provided- worked with Cultural Staff on important projects; ecologist provides additional support for resource programs
e. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass	The applicant worked to develop a training program for park rangers including EMT skills and incident awareness.	Additional criteria was provided- Supported field office land use planning and route designation programs
h. Avoiding increased maintenance activities .	The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item	Additional Criteria was provided- both in answers and throughout application
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[22 out of 30]</b>	<b>22 out of 30</b>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Use of innovative or efficient materials to reduce FO&M costs.	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item	
b. The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs through preventive maintenance	The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.	
c. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	Partnerships include those with UC Davis, California State, Fullerton, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, U.S Geologic Survey and Maturagno Museum, Southern and Sierra Research Station.	
d. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The grantee is providing a \$35,048 agency contribution	
e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.	
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>	<b>[9 out of 30]</b>	<b>17 out of 30</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)	The applicant has been receiving OHV grant funds since the early 1980s. [2]	Other information throughout entire application- BLM has been as successful as other agencies. 5
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant states that they have not always been capable of keeping up with shifting priorities and with the complex accounting that tracking of this funding level	Poor summary of what was said. Other text in application provides much more information. 4
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (10)	The applicant has a full time OHV coordinator since 1987. The State Ecologist has a Ph.D. in Ecology. [5]	Additional staff was mentioned as well. 8

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
	<b>Assigned Score 57/100</b>	<b>Reccomended Score 69/100</b>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<p><b>1. The planning project addresses the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or will lead to new opportunity or protection of resources. The project must address one or more of the following:</b></p>	<p><b>[30 out of 50]</b></p>	<p>Generally underscored if grant text is incorporated. <b>40 out of 50</b></p>
<p>a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application</p>	<p>The data being collected for this project will be a starting point for trail designation and provides a baseline for monitoring and resource management planning.</p>	
<p>b. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage</p>	<p>Data will be used to designate routes and overlay with land ownership to designate property boundaries.</p>	
<p>c. Protecting habitat or critical rural, wildlife, etc.)</p>	<p>The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.</p>	
<p>d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass</p>	<p>GIS data assists the development of better use maps. Better use maps prevent unwitting illegal riding.</p>	
<p>e. Preventing off-route travel</p>	<p>GIS data assists the development of better use maps. Better use maps prevent offroute travel</p>	
<p>f. Protecting public health and safety</p>	<p>GIS information is used for planning search and rescue and so people are less likely to get lost.</p>	
<p>g. Sustaining OHV recreation by avoiding or minimizing the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures of OHV recreation opportunities</p>	<p>The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item</p>	

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>2. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of [16 out of 35] OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>		<b>21 out of 35 (revision suggested)</b>
a. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item	Long term assignments for two low-cost employees, capacity to work with other BLM Staff. +5
b. Reducing future costs	As a result of this project an inventory should never need to be completely repeated	
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$65,000	
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	Partnerships include those with the Inyo National Forest and the State of Arizona.	
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>		<b>11 out of 15 (revision suggested)</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]	Projects have been successfully implemented for 5 years +3
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]	BLM has worked with OHMVR Grants program since 1980's, generally very successfully +3
c. History of successful and timely implementation of planning results and recommendations (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]	BLM has utilized Data for 8 land use plans +5
	<b>Assigned Score 46/100</b>	<b>Recommended Score 72/100</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will:</b>	<b>[28 out of 50]</b>	<b>(33 Out of 50)</b>
a. Reduce erosion and meet established soil conservation standards	The project did not address erosion or soil standards	The protection of soils and archaeological sites are interdependent. Protect the site and the soils are protected from erosion. Protect the soils and the data in the archaeological site is protected. +5
b. Protect critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, cultural, etc.) and meet wildlife habitat protection program requirements (WHPP)	The project would protect cultural resources. No reference to WHPP was found.	
c. Monitor use for potential effects to resources and prevent future damage	The project would monitor cultural sites	<b>[29 out of 35]</b>
<b>2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[29 out of 35]</b>	<b>[29 out of 35]</b>
a. Use of innovative, efficient and/or effective materials or methods to reduce costs	The applicant would use of California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP)	
b. How the project will reduce maintenance costs	The project would prevent and monitor impacts on cultural sites.	
c. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor	The applicant would use trained CASSP volunteers. Volunteer hours were valued at \$193,000 last year.	
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant would work with the Society for California Archeology, the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, and Department of Parks and Recreation.	

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e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds	The applicant would include in-kind contributions from BLM, USFS, archeologists, Native Americans and other organizations. The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows an agency contribution of \$25,500.	(10 out of 15)
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>		
a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (5)	The application states that CASSP has a history of similar projects "...on time and within budget." Applicant's prior projects were not addressed. [3]	
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant did not address this item. [0]	This project has been in existence for seven years. Fiscal accountability has been tracked yearly from Discovery Works through SCA to BLM. BLM improved accountability for tracking in a new assistance agreement with SCA during 2004. +3
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)	The project would contract with CASSP. CASSP has six years experience. Volunteers are trained and directed by local archeologists. [4]	
	<b>Assigned Scores 64/100</b>	<b>Recommended Score 72 /100</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project's curriculum or services lead to [25 out of 35] the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or natural resources. The project must address one or more of the following:</b> <b>[25 out of 35]</b>	<b>[25 out of 35]</b> <b>BLM proposed score revision</b> <b>[30 out of 35]</b>	<p>This will arrange for fine tuning soil conservation guidelines and monitoring protocols specifically designed for desert and dune ecosystems. This grant ensures that the monitoring and management standards for soil conservation established by the OHMVR Division for its desert and dune ecosystems are met or exceeded by BLM on BLM desert and dune ecosystems where motorized travel and recreation take place. This grant would assist BLM to meet the OHMVR state soil standards more effectively and faster.</p>
a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict, or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application.	This will arrange for fine tuning soil conservation guidelines and monitoring protocols specifically designed for desert and dune ecosystems.	This will also include instructions for BLM employees in methods to prevent soil erosion by wind that can otherwise reduce local residents' air quality.
b. Protecting residents, private property and landowners adjacent to OHV recreation from noise, trespass and property damage This will also include instructions for BLM employees in methods to prevent soil erosion by wind that can otherwise reduce local residents' air quality.	This will also include instructions for BLM employees in methods to prevent soil erosion by wind that can otherwise reduce local residents' air quality.	Training materials created under this grant project will serve to improve the quality of BLM employees' expertise in managing soils in areas for wildlife habitat.
c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)	Training materials created under this grant project will serve to improve the quality of BLM employees' expertise in managing soils in areas for wildlife habitat.	Improved trail conditions reinforces BLM aims to provide high quality riding opportunities on trails as a strategy to make unnecessary the inclination of the desire of riders to ride off trail.
d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass		Improved trail conditions reinforces BLM aims to provide high quality riding
e. Preventing off-route travel		Improved trail conditions reinforces BLM aims to provide high quality riding

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
f. Promoting safe and responsible OHV use means for better trail maintenance to remedy hazardous trail conditions.	Training BLM employees will provide them the means for better trail maintenance to remedy hazardous trail conditions.	Training BLM employees in methods and practices used by the SVRAs will provide them the means for more rapid response and better trail maintenance to remedy hazardous trail conditions.
<b>2. The project will address OHV-related safety and/or education issues. Examples may include one or more of the following:</b>	<b>BLM proposed score revision</b> <b>[14 out of 35]</b>	
a. Inspection stations (e.g. noise compliance, vehicle safety).	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item
b. Search and rescue	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item
c. Volunteer Trail patrol	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item
d. Education/outreach (e.g. handbooks, public service announcements)	BLM will use handbooks and workshops to instruct BLM employees and their volunteers in best management practices of soils in OHV recreation areas.	BLM will use handbooks and workshops to instruct BLM employees and their volunteers in best management practices of soils in OHV recreation areas.
e. Other proactive measures	BLM will partner with OHMVR Division to have uniform standards and operations for OHV travel and route management	BLM will partner with OHMVR Division to have uniform standards and operations for OHV travel and route management
<b>3. The project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. At a minimum, the application must address:</b>	<b>BLM proposed score revision</b> <b>[12 out of 15]</b>	

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Cost effectiveness (cost vs. numbers of students or general public) (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]	Refer to page 7 of the grant application. This grant project helps BLM meet the fiscal constraints facing BLM to comply with new standards for soil conservation and expanded monitoring. BLM OHV recreation program leads at the state and field offices will profit from the existing expertise of partner agencies in incorporating knowledge into curriculum development and will make the curriculum equivalent to that of the OHMVR Division for monitoring and maintenance technology. This effort will not invent, but adapt and expand existing curricula for application to BLM lands. This education effort is an internal one at BLM but extends to volunteer partners from the recreation and conservation communities who are interested in assisting BLM with accomplishing trail monitoring and repair schedules on dune and desert terrain in central and southern California. A volunteer recruitment component for outreach and training committed members of the general public will be part of curriculum. (5)
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds) (5)	OHV user fees from the Imperial Sand Dunes recreation area will apply to the salary and training costs for staff. No fees for these areas will apply to any other sites. All fees remain on site for training. The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$26,500. [4]	OHV user fees from the Imperial Sand Dunes recreation area will apply to the salary and training costs for staff. No fees for these areas will apply to any other sites. All fees remain on site for training. The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$26,500. [4]
c. Use of partnerships, volunteers, or appropriate use of equipment such as computerized training to reduce the OHV funds needed for the project (5)	The California Department of Conservation is listed as a partner with BLM.	The California Department of Conservation is listed as a partner with BLM.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>4. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>	<b>[2 out of out of 15]</b> <b>BLM proposed score revision [8 out of 15]</b>	Refer to page 8 of the grant application. The Bureau of Land Management has participated in soil conservation monitoring and maintenance in successful partnership with the OHMVR Division for over 20 years. (3)
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]	All BLM grant projects must follow Federal accounting standards for transparency and accuracy. BLM program managers at the California State Office are tasked with assisting OHMVR State of California auditors in ascertaining conformity with Division and State standards. BLM staff at the field offices and the California State Office maintains BLM financial records that are accessible to the OHMVR auditors at any time. [3]
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]	
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)	Staff includes a Program Lead and State Ecologist. [2]	Staff includes a Program Lead and State Ecologist. [2]
	<b>Assigned Score[48 out of 100]</b>	<b>BLM Recommended Score 64/100</b>

## BLM – Colorado River District

OR-1-CR-02 Colorado River District Planning '07		Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
Criteria			
<b>1. The project's curriculum or services lead to the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or natural resources. The project must address one or more of the</b>	<b>28 out of 50</b>		<b>40 out of 50</b>
a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental use conflict, or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application.	Planning would stop inadvertent destruction of cultural resource sites.	These intaligos are National Treasures and need protection, but before implementation of restoration the planning (e.g., location of barriers, NEPA, etc.) needs to be completed. Proper planning would assist in proper implementation and identify the best type of the restoration for each significant site.	These intaligos are National Treasures and need protection, but before implementation of restoration the planning (e.g., location of barriers, NEPA, etc.) needs to be completed. Proper planning would assist in proper implementation and identify the best type of the restoration for each significant site.
b. Protecting residents, private property and landowners adjacent to OHV recreation from noise, trespass and property damage.	Delineation and restoration of sensitive cultural resource areas on adjacent landowners' property would help to protect private property. No further details were provided.	Proper planning of these National Treasures would assist the adjacent landowners in protecting their private property. Planning is the tool to the protection of not only sensitive cultural resource areas but also of private in holdings near these sites.	Proper planning of these National Treasures would assist the adjacent landowners in protecting their private property. Planning is the tool to the protection of not only sensitive cultural resource areas but also of private in holdings near these sites.
c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)	The principal goal of this project is to delineate locations where resource protection is needed.	Planning would also delineate where the viewing platforms, barriers, visual display, and which roads need to be vertically mulched.	Planning would also delineate where the viewing platforms, barriers, visual display, and which roads need to be vertically mulched.
d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass	Proper planning would delineate the area and the type of visual barriers or physical barriers needed to protect each of the cultural resource sites.		
e. Preventing off-route travel	Proper planning would delineate areas and barriers to keep riders on authorized routes.	The planning process would delineate what type of protection is needed and whether a viewing platform would improve the protection of the entire area. Also, proper planning would delineate where the actual protection should occur to include the entire cultural resource site, thus protecting the integrity of these National Treasures.	The planning process would delineate what type of protection is needed and whether a viewing platform would improve the protection of the entire area. Also, proper planning would delineate where the actual protection should occur to include the entire cultural resource site, thus protecting the integrity of these National Treasures.
f. Promoting safe and responsible OHV use	Proper planning would delineate the location of all abandoned mines so they could receive appropriate closure.	Not only would proper planning protect the intaligos but would also delineate the location of all abandoned mines so they could receive appropriate closure.	Not only would proper planning protect the intaligos but would also delineate the location of all abandoned mines so they could receive appropriate closure.
g. Sustaining OHV recreation by avoiding or minimizing the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures of OHV recreation opportunities	By providing protection to resources, additional areas and trails could be delineated for recreational use.	The viewing stands would provide protection to other resources, and provide a safe way to view the intaligos. Additionally, routes for safe travel would be delineated on the information provided at the intaligos.	The viewing stands would provide protection to other resources, and provide a safe way to view the intaligos. Additionally, routes for safe travel would be delineated on the information provided at the intaligos.

OR-1-CR-02 Colorado River District Planning '07		Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
Criteria			
<b>2. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>20 out of 35</b>	<b>30 out of 35</b>	
a. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	Volunteers from the California Site Stewardship Program have logged hundreds of hours to assist the CRD in managing these areas.	Volunteers from several groups have logged hundreds of hours to assist the CRD in managing these areas. Outback Off-Road Adventures, the Concessions and Resorts, Walapai 4 Wheelers, Havasu 4 Wheelers, Gem and Mineral Clubs, Parker 4 Wheelers, and many more clubs and individuals are interested in protecting these and other sites.	
b. Reducing future costs	The applicant states that once these sites are protected effectively, future restoration costs would be significantly reduced or avoided all together. No further details were provided.		
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$20,240.		
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program is listed as a partner.	Partnerships have been formed and will continue to be developed to protect these important sites.	
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>	<b>3 out of 15</b>	<b>12 out of 15</b>	
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)	The applicant previously completed a law enforcement grant in the timeframe provided. [2]	BLM has been successful with all the grants that have been received and in completing projects within the timeframe provided. (5)	
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	Would address this item. [0]	BLM has for more than 20 years has been fiscally accountable with similar grants or projects. (5)	
c. History of successful and timely implementation of planning results and recommendations (5)	BLM has already established protection barriers and restoration buffers at many sites along the Colorado River. [1]	The CRD has been very successful in implementation of the planning results and following all recommendations as set forth within the planning documents. (2)	
	<b>51/100</b>	<b>82/100</b>	

### OR-1-CR-01 Colorado River District OHV Safety and/or Education 07

Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
1. The project's curriculum or services lead to the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or natural resources. The project must address one or more of the following:	<p><b>28 out of 35</b></p> <p>Law enforcement hot spots are being adversely affected by inappropriate OHV use. Funding will assist in improving the public's knowledge of the natural and cultural resources within the area.</p> <p>Information on kiosks would delineate OHV areas. Soil erosion by wind can reduce local residents' air quality.</p> <p>The applicant states that an educated public is less likely to impact natural and cultural resources.</p> <p>Proper education through signage is the key to eliminating illegal trespass onto sensitive natural and cultural areas.</p> <p>The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.</p> <p>The applicant will promote environmentally responsible OHV use through kiosks, videos and cards.</p>	<p><b>30 out of 35</b></p>

OR-1-CR-01 Colorado River District OHV Safety and/or Education 07		
Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>2. The project will address OHV-related safety and/or education issues.</b> <b>Examples may include one or more of the following:</b>	<b>19 out of 35</b>	<b>24 out of 35</b>
a. Inspection stations (e.g. noise compliance, vehicle safety)	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	
b. Search and rescue	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	
c. Volunteer Trail patrol	The Cal Site Steward Program monitors the Intaglios and they have logged hundreds of hours to assist the CRD in managing these areas.	Volunteers from several groups have logged hundreds of hours to assist the CRD in managing these areas. Outback Off-Road Adventures, the Concessions and Resorts, Walapai 4 Wheelers, Havasu 4 Wheelers, Gem and Mineral Clubs, Parker 4 Wheelers, and many more clubs and individuals are interested in protecting these and other sites.
d. Education/outreach (e.g. handbooks, public service announcements)	Kiosks, playing cards and a cultural heritage video serve as education/outreach. The applicant has updated maps of the current route network and information about nearby open areas.	
e. Other proactive measures	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.	Announcements and handouts are available at all campgrounds. With a proactive volunteer program proactive measures are being distributed on a daily basis. The Campground hosts are one of the major contacts with the visiting public. Education is the key to any proactive measures.

OR-1-CR-01 Colorado River District OHV Safety and/or Education 07	
Criteria	Score/Rationale
<b>3. The project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. At a minimum, the application must address:</b>	<b>7 out of 15</b>
a. Cost effectiveness (cost vs. numbers of students or general public) (5)	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)(5)	The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$52,040. [5]
c. Use of partnerships, volunteers, or appropriate use of equipment such as computerized training to reduce the OHV funds needed for the project (5)	The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program is listed as a partner. [2]
<b>4. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>	<b>5 out of 15</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)	For FY 2004 and 2005, the BLM Yuma Field Office submitted a law enforcement grant which was completed within the timeframe provided. [2]
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OR-1-CR-01 Colorado River District OHV Safety and/or Education 07		
Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]	BLM has for more than 20 years has been fiscally accountable with similar grants or projects. (5)
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)	All BLM Staff have applicable university degrees and professional expertise to accomplish these tasks. Staff includes multiple archaeologists, a recreation planner, a Native American coordinator, a biologist, and a safety officer. [3]	Additional staff was mentioned as well. We are all highly qualified to complete the projects. (5)
	<b>59/100</b>	<b>79/100</b>

## BLM – El Centro Field Office

Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<p><b>[33 out of 40]</b></p> <p><b>35 out of 40</b></p> <p>a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat</p> <p>Application states; "Restoring closed routes protects the habitat for biological species, such as the flat tailed horned lizard." Loss of habitat and damage to soils and vegetation are also mentioned.</p> <p>b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species</p> <p>The flat tailed horned lizard, desert pupfish, and plants such as Milk vetch, Thurber's, and Crucifixion thorn are within the project area.</p> <p>c. Cultural resources</p> <p>The application states that the project would help protect sensitive cultural and archeological sites. No further details were provided.</p> <p>d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area</p> <p>There are two Areas of Critical Environmental Concern within project area; San Sebastian Marsh, and San Felipe Creek</p>	
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	<p><b>10 out of 15</b></p> <p><b>13 out of 15</b></p>	<p>a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs</p> <p>The application states; "...signing of the approved OHV route network reduce [sic] the number of off route incursions which decreases restoration and law enforcement needs, thus reducing the costs as well."</p>

Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs	The project would use vertical and horizontal mulching and place rock barriers.	The SCA restoration crew utilizes various restoration techniques such as raking, vertical and horizontal mulching, use of local rocks and gravel to restore the closed route to natural-appearing condition. The use of this type of materials and the techniques used will help reduce the likelihood of the site being further impacted - thus leading to a reduction in time and labor to restore the site once, and thus a reduction in costs.
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant states that they have used volunteers for up to 400 hours for outreach and hosting restoration days. No details on cost value of volunteer labor were provided	
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant did not address this item.	
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant did not address this item. The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows \$304,000 in agency contribution	
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b>	<b>8 out of 20</b>	<b>20 out of 20</b>
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:	The applicant did not address this item.	Red fiberglass posts were considered for marking closed routes, but BLM rejected this action due to the red post acting like a beacon to OHV users. BLM staff has noted that the presence of red posts generally lead to increased illegal OHV use on the closed route.
i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted		If red fiberglass posts were used, increased impacts to Flat Tailed Horned Lizard habitat would probably occur. This would not address the protecting Flat Tail habitat. Additionally, protection of cultural sites would diminish by calling attention to closed routes that lead to sensitive cultural sites.
ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue		

Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area	The current methods being used are patrol and signs	All legal routes within the project area have been signed with fiberglass posts every 0.3 mile and at intersections. Each route marker has the trail designation number on it. Additionally, all the portal points have limited use signs that say "no cross country travel".
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity</li> </ul>	The applicant did not address this item.	Restoring closed routes in a way that they no longer attract the user to them helps to prevent the recurrence of illegal activity. In addition SCA crew members and BLM staff make contact with visitors to explain the need to stay on the designated routes, not to ride cross-country, and hand out maps of the approved routes. Also, increased patrols of the restoration area by BLM Law enforcement Rangers on weekends has helped to reduce the number occurrences of illegal OHV activity.
c. Closure due to management action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary</li> </ul>	The project would use barriers such as rocks, straw bales and berms to maintain closures.	13 out of 15 Monitoring would include photo documentation and restoration status of pre and post project, increased patrols, random patrols and follow up visits to measure success of closed or restored area.
4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>such measures are not necessary</li> </ul>		13 out of 15 Monitoring would also include GPS points of the restoration sites to allow the monitoring staff to accurately navigate to the sites, thereby increasing the efficiency of the monitoring process.
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)</li> </ul>	<b>10 out of 15</b>	<b>13 out of 15</b>
		10 out of 15 The applicant states that they have successfully completed three previous projects within the restoration season of October through May. [4]

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant carefully monitors receipts for restoration projects. No further detail given. [2]	Grant files are sectioned and appropriate documents are located within the sections, such as contracts(SCA and RECON), staff time sheets, material receipts, etc. Expenditures are assessed as to their validity and to the line items allowed under the terms of the grant.
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure (5)	The applicant avoided full closure of sand dune by implementing small closures and signing of legal routes within project area. [3]	After OHV routes were designated and the closed routes were determined, BLM El Centro staff quickly applied for a restoration grant to start restoring closed routes to natural conditions. El Centro has been receiving grant money for this purpose since 2003 and has contracted with the SCA to do the restoration. BLM El Centro believes that this timely response demonstrates that BLM is working proactively on the restoration to reduce the likelihood that the areas would be closed to OHV use.
	<b>Original Total Division Score</b>	<b>Suggested Total Score</b>
	61	81

OR-1-CD-353	BLM EI Centro Field Office Conservation 07	Score Increase Request <b>OHMVR Division Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score Revision</b>
1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will:	26 out of 50	33 out of 50	We sent supplemental information to the division. [+2]
a. Reduce erosion and meet established soil conservation standards	The project did not address erosion or soil standards.	The project will protect FTHL and Yuha ACEC. No reference to WHPP	According to the Application Instructions Ch 1 Section 7, Conservation Grants that apply to monitoring can use Form M, which is included in our grant package. [+5]
b. Protect critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, cultural, etc.) and meet wildlife habitat protection program requirements (WHPP)	Project will monitor potential impacts to FTHL and prevent future damage	Project will monitor potential impacts to FTHL and prevent future damage	23 out of 35
2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:	a. Use of innovative, efficient and/or effective materials or methods to reduce costs	no change	no change
	b. How the project will reduce maintenance costs		
	c. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor		

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	<b>3.</b> The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:	<b>9 out of 15</b>	<b>7 out of 15</b>	<b>56 / 100</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided <b>(5)</b>	b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects <b>(5)</b>	<i>The applicant did not address this item. [0]</i>	Monitoring each year is completed within time and budget allotted. [+2]		
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project <b>(5)</b>					
<b>Totals:</b>				<b>65 / 100</b>	

## BLM – Hollister Field Office

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<p><b>The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:</b></p> <p>a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to recreation use</p>	<p><b>[23 out of 40]</b></p>	<p><b>34 out of 40</b></p>
<p>b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance</p> <p>c. Maintain safe riding conditions</p>	<p>Gravelling would greatly reduce annual maintenance and closure requirements and would contribute to habitat preservation by reducing erosion.</p> <p>Unnecessary increases would be avoided through implementation of a trail maintenance plan</p> <p>Improved surface conditions would result in safer conditions</p>	<p>Soil Loss Monitoring is a primary contributing factor in meeting this objective. The Trails Coordinator surveyed 153 miles between October 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006. This data is used to determine future maintenance priorities and prevent sedimentation of species of concern habitat.</p> <p>Over 24,000 visitors were personally contacted at the Entrance Station at CCMA between October 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006. These visitor contacts provide information on closures and trail conditions, as well as provide a visitor use map, all of which contributes to a safer visit to CCMA.</p>
<p>d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law</p>		<p>Signing of designated routes will be a major key in generating public compliance.</p> <p>Over 24,000 visitors were personally contacted at the Entrance Station at CCMA between October 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006. These visitor contacts provide information on closures and trail conditions, as well as provide a visitor use map, all of which contributes to keeping the users informed and on legal trails.</p>
<p><b>2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b></p>	<p><b>[21 out of 30]</b></p>	<p><b>25 out of 30</b></p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Use of innovative or efficient materials.	The use of geo blankets is a use of innovative materials. Helmet mounted cameras would increase productivity and efficiency.	
b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant did not address this item.	BLM Hollister works with the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, CalTrans, and County Roads Departments from San Benito and Fresno Counties, and the San Benito County Sheriff's Department (SBSO). Deputies from SBSO patrol in Clear Creek Canyon in peak periods to allow BLM Rangers to patrol more remote locations. The Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, Timekeepers Motorcycle Club and Blue Ribbon Coalition have all contributed labor and equipment in support of the BLM at CCMA between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 for patrolling, maintenance, monitoring and public education.
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	Other funds include those from development of a fee use program to be implemented in 2007 and an agency contribution of \$52,000.	\$15,000 worth of grants were awarded to the BLM for use in CCMA by the Blue Ribbon Coalition in April, 2006.
d. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	Volunteer groups provided over 450 hours of labor in 2006. Volunteers include the Salinas Ramblers and the Timekeepers motorcycle clubs.	Volunteers provided over 450 hours of labor between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 on Resource Natural Area restoration projects, the Jade Mill development and restoration project, closed route eradication and signing of trails.
e. Avoiding or reducing future costs	The applicant will avoid future costs by replacing an old KTM motorcycle, which is in constant need of repair.	

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>	<b>[6 out of 30]</b>	<b>20 out of 30</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided	The applicant cites OR-1-H-09 as a previous grant. Everything scheduled for maintenance with this project has been maintained.	Grant number OR-1-H-09 included trail maintenance. This grant was fiscally accountable and has successfully completed the OHMVR audit process.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects	The applicant did not address this item.	Staff includes a trails coordinator responsible for planning, field assessments and soil loss assessments, a project coordinator to assist with scheduling. Staff also includes equipment operators, a park ranger, and two dedicated maintenance staff.
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project		
	<b>Assigned Score: 50 out of 100</b>	<b>Recommended Score: 79 out of 100</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:</b>	<b>28 out of 35</b>  The project would use patrol, signing, surveillance, and education to prevent resource damage and take enforcement action when violations occurred.	<b>31 out of 35</b>  Much more information listed in grant such as doubling our staff allowing for doubled patrol time specifically for OHV patrol. There are other activities listed such as public information and education, resource monitoring and protection patrols, and coordination with other agencies.
a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.	The project funding would allow patrol of more remote locations with closed areas and private property.	New information added: We have 4,147 acres of a Natural Research Area in the middle of the nearly 50,000 acres of the OHV recreation area that is patrolled often looking for any signs of intrusion. The greater 75,000 acres of Clear Creek Management Area borders private and some state lands that are patrolled for OHV incidents riding off trail.
b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property		
c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests	The application reports few conflicts other than a pending lawsuit. Project would help mitigate allegations of the lawsuit.	The recreation interests rarely conflict, but there are dozens of conflicts with local land owners that border the OHV area. We respond to any complaints received regarding the users conflicting with the land owners. We try to reduce conflicts through our presence, taking action when necessary, and educating our users.
<b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b>	<b>26 out of 30</b>	<b>28 out of 30</b>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes	The project would include enforcement of federal and state laws. Applicant has a Memorandum of Understanding with San Benito County allowing enforcement on state and private lands.	Much more information given in grant description. There are no known laws the Rangers patrolling could not enforce.
b. Emergency response	The applicant would continue to respond to emergencies. Rangers have first aid training. Applicant works with state and local agencies for emergency response.	All Rangers are certified in first-aid and CPR, with some having first-responder and EMT. We have one ranger stationed in the nearest town for quick response. The grant would allow for a portable trailer to house the Rangers during busy times to allow an even quicker response.
c. Search and rescue	The applicant works with appropriate County Sheriff's Department for SAR. They are planning on participating on a multi-agency rescue team.	This information is included in the grant but is listed as we also use kiosks, a website, a phone message line. There is usually a Law Enforcement Ranger posted at the entrance station during peak weekend times to provide information to the OHV
d. Education/outreach	The applicant would include funding for maps for distribution to the public.	There is much more information provided such as the use of surveillance equipment, sound checks, radar devices, and attending public and group meetings.
e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)	The project would include patrol and installation of signs.	
<b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds.</b> <b>Project must include one or more of the following:</b>		<b>18 out of 20</b>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant works with the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, CalTrans, and County Roads Departments from San Benito and Fresno Counties, and the San Benito County Sheriff's Department (SBSO). Deputies from SBSO patrol in Clear Creek Canyon in peak periods to allow BLM Rangers to patrol more remote locations. Applicant also works with local OHV clubs.	New information added: The Hollister Field Office has historically funded all aspects of the OHV program not funded by grant funding. No funds were granted in 2006 which meant the office paid nearly \$150,000 in costs to run an overburdened shoe-string law enforcement OHV program.
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant will begin collecting fees in 2007. Applicant did not state what the funds generated would be used for other than "This funding will supplement both appropriated and OHMVR grant funding."	New information added: We also use the local motorcycle clubs such as the Salinas Ramblers and Timekeepers Motorcycle Club to help build fencing and complete projects such as the Jade Mill Campground. The Salinas Ramblers also man the entrance station during the busy months and keep statistics and provide information to recreationists.
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor	The applicant mentions "adopt a trail" programs, but provides no other volunteer information	New information added: There are many examples throughout the grant given to reduce future costs such as purchasing a portable trailer to house the Rangers on weekends to avoid driving thousands of extra miles and accruing personnel time just in travel to and from the OHV area. As listed in the grant beginning in 2007 user fees are being implemented at Clear Creek which will supplement all programs for the OHV program.
d. Reducing future costs	Law enforcement presence and signing would reduce resource damage and related expenses.	

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
e. Appropriate use of equipment	The project would use motorcycles for patrol to provide access to remote areas and to allow access to enthusiasts. Remote surveillance equipment would be used to monitor remote areas. Cameras would be used to support prosecution of violators. Computers mounted in vehicles would be used to allow Rangers to maintain their presence in the field. Sound testing equipment would be used for sound enforcement.	11 out of 15
<b>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided	New information added: The Hollister Field Office has been fiscally responsible for several years and maintained the OHV grant during this time, except for last year when no funding was granted. We will continue to ensure each payment will be complete with all documentation. The timeframe for the requested grant is one year and the Hollister Field Office will continue the OHV program for that year. Two of the recent grant numbers, OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included law enforcement projects. All projects were completed within the respective performance periods without extensions.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects	Application states; "...all audits in the past have been completed with sound fiscal accountability." No details are provided.	New information added: The Hollister Field Office has been fiscally responsible for several years and maintained the OHV grant during this time, except for last year when no funding was granted. We will continue to ensure each payment will be complete with all documentation. The timeframe for the requested grant is one year and the Hollister Field Office will continue the OHV program for that year. Two of the more recent grant numbers, OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included law enforcement projects. Both grants are fiscally accountable and
c. Commitment of staff to OHV program	The Project Costs/Deliverables includes \$174,000 in personal time with \$8,000 of that agency contribution.	Was not aware more specifics were needed. New information added: The agency contribution for law enforcement in the Clear Creek area will be roughly \$30,000 for labor and roughly another \$8,000 in equipment including mileage for patrol vehicles. Without this funding, we will eventually have no ability to patrol. The Hollister Field Office has had a deep commitment to the OHV program that was not funded last year, resulting in short falls wide-reaching to cover the OHV program. OHV visitation has increased steadily over recent historical data. We have one full time Ranger assigned to the Clear Creek Area and will continue with hopes this position is covered as well as several part time specifically for OHV.

**Recommended Score 88/100**

**Assigned Score 75/100**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<p><b>The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation.</b></p>	<p><b>25 out of 40</b></p>	<p><b>35 out of 40</b></p>
<p>a. Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment</p>	<p>A fee program income would be used to support L.E. patrol and other vehicle costs</p>	<p>\$80,000 of Cost Share funds will be applied in part to these equipment costs as well</p>
<p>b. Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds</p>	<p>Two seasonal park rangers are expected to be hired with BLM appropriated dollars.</p>	<p>\$80,000 of Cost Share funds will be applied in part to these labor costs in addition to funding from the new fee program and federally appropriated dollars</p>
<p><b>2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of the OHV Trust funds in one or more of the following</b></p>	<p><b>11 out of 20</b></p>	<p><b>18 out of 20</b></p>
<p>a. Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails and areas.</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>Long term costs of maintaining the 242 miles of routes at CCMA will be reduced via annual maintenance and data collection supported by this equipment.</p>
<p>b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>BLM Hollister works with the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, CalTrans, and County Roads Departments from San Benito and Fresno Counties, and the San Benito County Sheriff's Department (SBSO). Deputies from SBSO patrol in Clear Creek Canyon in peak periods to allow BLM Rangers to patrol more remote locations. The Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, Timekeepers Motorcycle Club and Blue Ribbon Coalition have all contributed labor and equipment in support of the BLM at CCMA between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 for patrolling, maintenance, monitoring and public education.</p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	Fee program income would be used to supplement law enforcement patrol and other vehicle costs	\$15,000 worth of grants were awarded to the BLM for use in CCMA by the Blue Ribbon Coalition in April, 2006.
d. The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative	Utilizing the requested travel trailer would save literally thousands of miles on vehicles each year and save hundreds of man hours paid to travel each year. Heavy duty equipment performs better than light duty equipment.	Volunteers provided over 450 hours of labor between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 on Resource Natural Area restoration projects, the Jade Mill development and restoration project, closed route eradication and signing of trails.
e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant did not address this item	
<b>3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>6 out of 30</b>	<b>20 out of 30</b>
a. The amount of existing recreation use.	The applicant did not address this item	43,187 visitors were recorded at CCMA between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006.
b. the amount of demand for increased recreational activity.	The applicant did not address this item	A steady increase in visitor use over the last 10 years from 32,000 visitors in 1996 to the present figure of 43,000 for 2006.
c. The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails and areas	The applicant did not address this item	The equipment will provide support for maintenance of the 242 miles of routes designated in the January 2006 Record of Decision. This will keep CCMA within acceptable trail and road conditions for sustained recreation.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
d. Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions	Rough terrain is not suitable for use of 1/2 ton pickups	
<b>3. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested:</b>	<b>7 out of 10</b>  L.E.O.s have pursuit and 4 wheel drive, trailering and defensive driver training. All equipment is included in normal fleet preventative and annual maintenance schedule.	
	<b>Assigned Score:</b> <b>49 out of 100</b>	<b>Recommended Score: 80 out of 100</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation.	[40 out of 50]	
2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:  a. Use of innovative, efficient and/or effective materials or methods to reduce costs	[23 out of 35]	The application mentions the use of digital photos linked to GPS data. It mentions the efficiency of using OHVs to access areas in a timelier manner. The application mentions "project streamlining" as being efficient. Planning would be done in the summer for fall/winter implementation. Natural materials would be used
b. How the project will reduce maintenance costs	The project would reduce maintenance costs by responding quickly to results of monitoring to prevent mor significant impacts.	Volunteers provided over 450 hours of labor between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 on Resource Natural Area restoration projects, the Jade Mill development and restoration project, closed route eradication and signing of trails.
c. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor	The application mentions the use of volunteers from local motorcycle club. No further details were provided.	

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The application mentions a partnership with the Costanoan/Ohlone Native American group.	BLM Hollister works with the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, CalTrans, and County Roads Departments from San Benito and Fresno Counties, and the San Benito County Sheriff's Department (SBSO). Deputies from SBSO patrol in Clear Creek Canyon in peak periods to allow BLM Rangers to patrol more remote locations. The Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, Timekeepers Motorcycle Club and Blue Ribbon Coalition have all contributed labor and equipment in support of the BLM at CCMA between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 for patrolling, maintenance, monitoring and public education.
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant did not address this item. The Project Costs/Deliverable pages show an agency contribution of \$33,400.	\$15,000 worth of grants were awarded to the BLM for use in CCMA by the Blue Ribbon Coalition in April, 2006.
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b>	<b>[5 out of 15]</b>	<b>10 out of 15</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided	The application mentions prior projects, but time frame was not addressed.	Grant numbers OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included monitoring of restoration projects. All projects were completed within the respective performance periods without extensions.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects	The applicant did not address this item.	Grant numbers OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included monitoring of restoration projects. Both grants are fiscally accountable and have successfully completed the OHMVR audit process.
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project	The application mentions staffing available for project. Staff is trained in GPS, monitoring protocol, and plant and habitat identification.	
	<b>Assigned Score: 68 out of 100</b>	<b>Recommended Score: 78 out of 100</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[27 out of 40]</b>	<b>33 out of 40</b>
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	The project would reduce erosion in watersheds to preserve riparian habitat.	Of the 440 total miles of existing trails and roads within CCMA, only 242 are designated open. Restoration of the 198 miles of closed routes will greatly reduce sedimentation of watersheds and resulting impacts on species of concern listed in item "b" below.
b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species	The sensitive species listed are San Benito evening primrose, <u>rayless</u> layia and <u>talus</u> fritillary	Over 18 miles of the closed trails are near and above Larious Canyon, an area used by the Ohlone/Costanoan tribe for seasonal religious practices. Management and restoration of these trails will greatly reduce impacts within this area and preserve the natural qualities desired by the Native Americans.
c. Cultural resources	The applicant did not address this item	The Management area also includes an 1,800 acre Wilderness Study Area, an expanded Research Natural area which now encompasses 4,147 acres, both of which lie within the 39,680 acre Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	The application referred to the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area	<b>13 out of 15</b>
<b>2. The proposed project is designated for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[11 out of 15]</b>	<b>13 out of 15</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs</p> <p>b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs</p>	<p>The application states: "Fencing and signing is being incorporated as part of this project to prevent OHV trespass into restored areas, reducing maintenance and upkeep cost in the long term by providing on site trespass deterrence."</p> <p>The project would include vertical and horizontal mulching, native seeding, barricading, obscuration, wing fencing when necessary, and signing. Other methods to be used are heavy equipment and helmet cam technology.</p>	<p>Volunteers provided over 450 hours of labor between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 on Resource Natural Area restoration projects, the Jade Mill development and restoration project, closed route eradication and signing of trails.</p>
<p>c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor</p>	<p>The applicant mentions using Student Conservation Association (SCA) workers and volunteers, but with no details. The application also mentions past use of the volunteers with no further details.</p>	<p>BLM Hollister works with the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, CalTrans, and County Roads Departments from San Benito and Fresno Counties, and the San Benito County Sheriff's Department (SBSO). Deputies from SBSO patrol in Clear Creek Canyon in peak periods to allow BLM Rangers to patrol more remote locations. The Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, Timekeepers Motorcycle Club and Blue Ribbon Coalition have all contributed labor and equipment in support of the BLM at CCMA between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 for patrolling, maintenance, monitoring and public education.</p>
<p>d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</p>	<p>The applicant works with SCA, the Sierra Club, and OHV clubs.</p>	

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows \$12,000 in agency contributions	\$15,000 worth of grants were awarded to the BLM for use in CCMA by the Blue Ribbon Coalition in April, 2006.
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b>	<b>[11 out of 20]</b>	<b>15 out of 20</b>
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:	The application did not address this item.	
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:	The application did not address this item.	
c. Closure due to management action:	i. The applicant lists fencing, signing and obscuration as measures that will be implemented to maintain closure. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measure are not necessary	Law enforcement will be monitoring these closed and restored areas for trespass and issuing citations. Education of the public will occur in the form of a brochure handed out at the entrance station and verbal contacts both in the field as well as at the entrance station. Over 24,000 visitors were personally contacted at the Entrance Station at CCMA between October 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006.
<b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful:</b>	<b>[7 out of 10]</b>	<b>[7 out of 10]</b>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully [3 out of 15] implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	<b>10 out of 15</b>	
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided	The applicant did not address this item	Grant numbers OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included monitoring of restoration projects. All projects were completed within the respective performance periods without extensions.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects	The applicant did not address this item	Grant numbers OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included restoration projects. Both grants are fiscally accountable and have successfully completed the OHMVR audit process.
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure	The application states that twenty-three trails have been obscured and restored to a natural state to prevent additional closures.	
	<b>Assigned Score: 59 out of 100</b>	<b>Recommended Score: 71 out of 100</b>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[31 out of 40]</b>	<b>33 out of 40</b>
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	The project would reduce erosion in watersheds to preserve riparian habitat.	Of the 440 total miles of existing trails and roads within CCMA, only 242 are designated open. Restoration of the proposed sites will greatly reduce sedimentation of watersheds and resulting impacts on species of concern listed in item 'b' below.
b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species	The sensitive species listed are San Benito evening primrose, <u>rayless</u> layia and <u>talus</u> fritillary	All of the proposed restoration sites within the SBMRNA are upstream from known archaeological sites. The reduction in erosion from these projects will assist in preserving these sites for further study.
c. Cultural resources	The applicant did not address this item	
d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	The application referred to the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area	The Management area also includes an 1,800 acre Wilderness Study Area, an expanded Research Natural area which now encompasses 4,147 acres, both of which lie within the 39,680 acre Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
<b>2. The proposed project is designated for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[11 out of 15]</b>	<b>13 out of 15</b>
		The application states: "Fencing and signing is being incorporated as part of this project to prevent OHV trespass into restored areas, reducing maintenance and upkeep cost in the long term by providing on site trespass deterrence."

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs	The project would include vertical and horizontal mulching, native seeding, barricading, obscuration, wing fencing when necessary, and signing. Other methods to be used are heavy equipment and helmet cam technology.	Volunteers provided over 450 hours of labor between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 on Resource Natural Area restoration projects, the Jade Mill development and restoration project, closed route eradication (23 miles between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006) and signing of trails.
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant mentions using Student Conservation Association (SCA) workers and volunteers, but with no details. The application also mentions past use of the volunteers with no further details.	BLM Hollister works with the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, CalTrans, and County Roads Departments from San Benito and Fresno Counties, and the San Benito County Sheriff's Department (SBSO). Deputies from SBSO patrol in Clear Creek Canyon in peak periods to allow BLM Rangers to patrol more remote locations. The Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, Timekeepers Motorcycle Club and Blue Ribbon Coalition have all contributed labor and equipment in support of the BLM at CCMA between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006 for patrolling, maintenance, monitoring and public education.
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant works with SCA, the Sierra Club, and OHV clubs.	\$15,000 worth of grants were awarded to the BLM for use in CCMA by the Blue Ribbon Coalition in April, 2006.
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows \$12,000 in agency contributions	

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b>	<b>[11 out of 20]</b>	<b>15 out of 20</b>
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:	The application did not address this item.	Physical barricades, fences, and obscuration will be implemented to prevent future trespasses and to protect areas. Signing, brochures and public contact will be used to educate the public and to generate long term compliance through awareness. Over 24,000 visitors were personally contacted at the Entrance Station at CCMA between October 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006.
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity: Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity.	i. The project would reduce signs of past trespass and educate the public about designated route systems.	
c. Closure due to management action:	The application did not address this item.	
<b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful:</b>	<b>[7 out of 10]</b>	
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	<b>[3 out of 15]</b>	<b>10 out of 15</b>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided	The applicant refers to a previous project in the Project Activity Report (PAR). The PAR lists projects and dates of completion, but does not provide project performance periods.	Grant numbers OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included restoration projects. All projects were completed within the respective performance periods without extensions. Performance periods were 10/1/02 to 6/30/04 and OR-1-SW-34 has been completed with time remaining within the performance period. Sites 22a and 25a were both completed within the current performance period.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects	The applicant did not address this item	Grant numbers OR-1-H-07 and OR-1-SW-34 both included restoration projects. Both grants are fiscally accountable and have successfully completed the OHMVR audit process.
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure	The applicant did not address this item	Twenty-three trails were obscured and restored to a natural state to prevent additional management area closures between Oct 15th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006. Over 1/2 mile of short wing fencing was constructed during the same period to protect these areas and keep surrounding areas open.
	<b>Assigned Score: 69 out of 100</b>	<b>Recommended Score: 78 out 100</b>

## BLM – Palm Springs South Coast Field Office

OR-1-CD-345	Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office	Restoration
Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
	39 out of 40	<b>40 out of 40</b>
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</b>		
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	The project would reduce soil erosion, soil compaction, and wildlife habitat fragmentation.	The grant calls for one or more of the following to be addressed. All four sections were covered in regard to the unique environment of the Meccacopia Special Recreation Area and the Chuckwalla Bench region. We feel each area was addressed to convey this message. A perfect score of 40 out of 40 should be granted.
b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species	The application mentions that special status species in the area such as desert tortoise, big horn sheep, and Orocopia sage would benefit from the project.	
c. Cultural resources	The application states; "Closing unauthorized OHV routes will help protect prehistoric sites, prehistoric and historic travel routes, historic tank tracks and mine sites."	
d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	The application states; "Closing unauthorized OHV routes will reduce driving in the Mecca Hills and Orocopia Mountains Wilderness areas.	
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	14 out of 15	<b>14 out of 15</b>
a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs	The project would use boulders, rocks, and dead shrubs for barriers and mulching.	

b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs	The project would use vertical and horizontal mulching, replanting and micro-catchments.
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The application mentions using the Student Conservation Association, Boy Scouts of America, California Native Plant Society, Sierra Club, and local OHV groups.
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant would work with the Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Living Desert Museum, and the Joshua Tree Nursery to complete the project.
d. Education/Outreach	The applicant participates in a variety of events. One LE Ranger is a Tread Lightly Trainer for the public. Applicant conducts OHV safety training
e.. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant received a \$38,000 grant from the Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Project Costs/Deliverables Page shows \$80,170 in agency contributions.
3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:	16 out of 20 <b>18 out of 20</b>
a. i) Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:	The applicant used barriers, signs and maps to prevent unauthorized use.
ii) Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue	The application states that alternatives were not effective because damage was still visible and the illegal trail was still used.
iii) Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area	The application mentions adjusting frequency of patrol to ensure that protected areas remain intact.

b. Repair of illegal OHV activity: Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity	The applicant mentions that trails will be monitored and patrolled according to need.	
c. Closure due to management action: Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary.	The applicant mentions that trails will be monitored and patrolled according to need. In addition, signs will be repaired immediately.	
4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.	<p>7 out of 10</p> <p>The application shows history of 63 citations for closed area violations, and states that the applicant would perform regular monitoring using BLM statewide monitoring methods.</p>	<p>8 out of 10</p> <p>Regarding Monitoring and Maintenance: Law Enforcement maintains regular patrols of closed and protected areas and reports any damage and concerns to both the recreation and resources staff for immediate action. An area is not only monitored through the BLM statewide monitoring methods for soils but also for contacts and visitor use. All these provide for an important picture of the use within a site.</p>
5. The applicant has a history of successful implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:	<p>8 out of 15 (OHMVR advised of error in addition) CORRECTED NUMBERS 10 OUT OF 15</p>	15 out of 15

a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)	The application states; "these projects were successfully completed and were accomplished within the allotted timeframe." The applicant did not provide details on time frame. (2)	The 2004 Restoration timeframe calculated the need to hire an ECO Restoration Ecologist in late July. Identify sites July to October. Have SCA crews up and operational by November, Environmental Assessments completed by December and Completion of SCA restoration sites by April. We meant this timeframe. The PSSC FO is presently meeting our timeline for the 2005 Restoration Grant. We are presently hiring for a Restoration Ecologist, Wildlife Biologist, Botanist and Archaeologist. We have an SCA crew conducting restoration work in Blind Canyon with the goal of moving into the Willow Hole area after Thanksgiving 2006. The anticipated Timeline was outlined in the 2006 Grant Restoration Project immediately following item 5c.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The application refers to completing three previous OHMVR projects, but no fiscal accountability was addressed. (4)	The PSSC FO has six grant projects open internally. Four assigned to PS, one assigned to CDD, and one assigned to CSO. See outline for fiscal responsibility below.
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure	The application makes reference to a history of four years with no closed routes. (4)	The PSSC FO has an Outdoor Recreation Planner assigned to monitor the recreational trends from the Coachella Valley east to the city of Blythe. Having an awareness of the OHV use within the field office helps to identify locations of possible problems and to address them prior to closure. In this way, the office plans for the long term outcome, instead of creating reactionary planning.

86 out of 100

**95 out of 100**

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OR-1-CD-346	Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office	Law Enforcement
Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
	25 out of 35	<b>28 out of 35</b>
<b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:</b>		
a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and /or education efforts.	The project would use patrol and education/outreach to reduce impacts on natural resources. Project would include participating in public safety fairs and other events.	The project would fund BLM LE Rangers to conduct the "Desert Watch" program. This program involves several LE agencies and three possible aircraft units (Riverside Co. Sheriff, CHP and USF&W) to monitor the desert area during evening hours. OHV Grant funding also allows BLM LE to partner with Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. ROVE team. The current proposal is to place one Deputy Sheriff and one BLM LE Ranger on OHVs to patrol as a team. The intended goal would be to have two teams patrolling public and adjacent private lands during visitor use periods. The purpose is to move unauthorized OHV use from private lands and lands with sensitive natural resource lands onto designated routes of travel. These OHV teams will work in conjunction with volunteer OHV teams.
b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property	Patrol would concentrate on areas with endangered species habitat, federal wilderness, and rural areas. A helicopter would be used to monitor wilderness.	OHV recreation use occurs in areas where the aircraft patrols. The aircraft calls in patrol units to enforce OHV safety regulations and prevent violations such as double riding, no helmet and DUI. Additionally, arrests are made of persons with the intention of harming weekend recreationalists. BLM LE Rangers educate users on legal OHV use.

c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests	The project would work with a variety of recreation enthusiasts in the field, enforce laws and regulations in a uniformed manner and respond to public complaints.	The PSSC FO is presently implementing Volunteer Trail Patrol Protocols. LE issues citation for illegal OHV use in closed areas. LE presence encourages users to obey the laws. LE Rangers have become a central contact for the general public and local LE agencies regarding area designations, proper riding equipment, safe riding habits and state and federal laws. Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego County often refer OHV questions to our office.
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	25 out of 30	<b>30 out of 30</b>
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**2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV - related public safety issues:**

a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes	Applicant has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with various local agencies allowing enforcement of the OHV-related state laws by federal Rangers Project would include enforcement of federal and CVC laws
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b. Emergency response	The applicant uses the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's communication system to receive emergency information directly. Personnel are trained as EMTs and EMRs to respond to emergencies.	BLM LE Rangers utilize two different radio systems. The FICC system (BLM) and the Sheriff's Department Communication System. Use of both systems allows officers to respond quickly to incidents as well as requesting assistance. BLM LE Rangers receive 911 dispatch referrals from CHP centers and direct communication from CHP aircraft. Many of the requests for emergency assistance by the recreational public go through cell phones. These calls are initially routed through the CHP dispatch center who routes them to BLM dispatch or directly to BLM field units. LEs respond to these emergencies with assistance from local deputies and emergency services. Due to the rural areas in which officers respond, it is vital that LEs maintain medical standards. The PSSC office hosts an EMT Refresher course every two years. LE refreshers are due May 2007.
c. Search and rescue	The applicant works with three SAR organizations and the CHP.	Very often the BLM officers' knowledge of the patrol area combined with the capability of their patrol vehicle allows them to be first on the scene. Their EMS training allows officers to assist injured or lost Recreationalists direct communication and GPS navigational units allow rapid response to incident sites. BLM officers thus reduce the number of life-threatening SAR incidents within the field area. NECO signing and name implementation of routes will increase LEs and SARs response time in the field. (NECO signing - see equipment project.)
d. Education/Outreach	The applicant participates in a variety of events. One LE Ranger is a Tread Lightly Trainer for the public. Applicant conducts OHV safety training	

e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)	The project would include patrol, sign maintenance, and participating in monthly meetings of the Coachella Valley Association of Government (CVAG)	The PSSC FO participates in the CVAG OHV Task Force. This group works together on federal, county and private lands to address illegal OHV use and to redirect riders to legal routes. This unit has been extremely successful in reducing impacts within the Coachella Valley Fringe-Toed Lizard Preserve. The unit has proved highly successful in reducing fugitive emissions adjacent to the Interstate 10 corridor and numerous Coachella Valley residential zones.
3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:	15 out of 20	<b>17 out of 20</b>
a. Use of partnerships to reduced reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The application mentions cooperation with the Riverside County Sheriff's ROVE program and CHP. An MOU with six local LE agencies are listed.	The Palm Desert City/Riverside Sheriff's Department has provided \$8500 annually from 1999 to 2007. This funding supports radio communications.
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The project would include \$183,835 in agency contributions.	Annual OHV labor cost for the PSSC FO is approximately \$640,000.
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor	The application describes over 600 hours of volunteer time provided in fiscal year 2005. Applicant anticipates a value of \$200,000 for volunteer hours over the next three years.	The PSSC FO is implementing the Volunteer Trail Patrol (See Safety & Education Grant Project)
d. Reducing future costs	The project would reduce future costs through education.	Responsible OHV users cannot utilize public lands correctly if not given guidance. Guidance is accomplished through education and proper signing. Supporting officers' labor to attend High School Programs, College Programs and other federal, county and city programs and properly signing designated trails will assist this process.

e. Appropriate use of equipment	<p>The project would include equipping patrol personnel to handle incidents and conditions encountered. The use of Riverside County Sheriff's Departments communication system to receive emergency information directly is an appropriate use of equipment to improve efficiency. The use of patrol ATVs on static display at events is an appropriate use of equipment to attract more visitors to allow more education to occur during the time available. The use of trail counters would be an appropriate use of equipment for efficient use of funds</p> <hr/> <hr/>	
4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:	8 out 15	<b>11 out of 15</b>
a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)	The application mentions previous projects completed "within the allotted timeframe," but few details are provided. (2)	Past grants were primarily for labor support and not project-specific. All timeframes for labor could be met by a staff of 8 LE Rangers whose primary "duty is to patrol public lands, protect natural resources and insure the safety of [all] public land users" (FLPMA). See outline below for fiscal responsibility.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects(5)	Prior projects are mentioned, but fiscal accountability is not addressed. (2)	The PSSC FO has six grant projects open. Four assigned to PS, one assigned to CDD, and one assigned to CSO. See attached outline for fiscal responsibility.

c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)	The project would commit approximately 80% of an LE Ranger's duty time to OHV purposes. Project would include \$149,630 in personnel time as part of agency contribution. Application lists five full-time professional staff and states that they have "years of experience in addressing OHV and Travel Management..." (4)	The grant PCDs shows we have eight officers plus a Supervisory Officer. It also shows we are only requesting funding for five officers. The total cost of operation of LE for OHV is approximately \$800,000 annually. 80% = \$640,000 annually, grant labor request = \$180,000. Agency Contribution is \$149,630. Funds supported by Recreation 1220 or Wilderness 1210 internal funding = \$460,000. Officers picked for OHV duties directly correlates to their personal interests as OHV/ATV users..
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73 out of 100

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OR-1-CD-350	Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office	Planning
Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
	31 out of 50	<b>40 out of 50</b>
<b>1. The planning project addresses the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or will lead to new opportunity or protection of resources. The project must address one or more</b>		
a. Solving on or more operations, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application	This project would study the feasibility of acquiring private lands to give BLM management authority over the entire area to allow for more effective management.	Law Enforcement Officers feel that the creation of a legal OHV area south of the Blythe landfill will reduce illegal incursions into the Big Maria Mountains Wilderness to the north.
b. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage	BLM would be able to mark boundaries to encourage users to stay on public land.	Farmers and private residences within the Blythe area are affected by the use of ATVs on the canal levees and farming access roads. The ATVs, by spinning donuts on farm roads, are creating added maintenance costs to the farm owners. Fugitive emissions in the air (soil particles) also harm the productivity of the crops.
c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)	Providing an open riding opportunity in an area where it occurs is expected to decrease illegal and environmentally destructive OHV use.	The California Fish and Game Department manages the Goose Flats river habitat. Illegal OHV use within this area has created numerous trails and impacted bird nesting habitat. The creation of a legal OHV area will provide riders with a location where they can focus their activities without destroying unique wildlife habitat.

d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass	The applicant states that the creation of a legal riding area would reduce the number of illegal riders cutting trails across private farmlands. No further details are provided.	Farmers and private residents of the Blythe area support an OHV open area for the local community. They feel that this will reduce the number of impacts to agricultural lands. The BLM feels that a local riding area will reduce the number of incursions on sensitive lands and the need for closure of designated trails outside of the Coors Canyon area.
e. Preventing off-route travel	The applicant states that the creation of open riding area and interpretive signing would help deter off-route travel.	Coors Canyon's location near the city of Blythe makes it a viable OHV education site for the local recreational users in this agricultural community. Plus, Coors Canyon Site signing, the NECO trail signing, and site name recognition should provide vehicle operators with the necessary knowledge to make correct choices about where they choose to ride.
f. Protecting public health and safety	This project would decrease ATVs crossing highways, which can be dangerous and would also provide a place to conduct training.	BLM LE Rangers' primary "duty is to patrol public land, protect natural resources and insure the safety of public land users." Coors Canyon offers a location where the local CHP and BLM officers can address safe riding habits, proper riding equipment and the state and federal laws regarding vehicle and land use. Blythe's uninformed riders are taking to the paved surfaces, utilizing public roadways and intersections, endangering local city drivers, and increasing the burden on OHV Law Enforcement Patrols.
g. Sustaining OHV recreation by avoiding or minimizing the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures of OHV recreation opportunities.	A hands-on teaching ground would increase user compliance and continue to manage riding opportunity.	
2. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:	16 out of 35	25 out of 35

a. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant states they would attempt to use volunteers for this project and expects to use low-cost labor crews as well as temporary/term employees to complete field resource inventories.	BLM presently utilizes Riverside County Courts Alternative Volunteers to maintain clean riding conditions at Coors Canyon. If Coors Canyon is accepted as a viable OHV site, BLM will continue to utilize volunteers within the area.
b. Reducing future costs	The applicant intends to create the Friends of Coors Canyon volunteer group.	Local OHV riders have already enrolled as volunteers and are awaiting BLM environmental review of the area. This group of interested users is growing.
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$32,350.	BLM presently has a designated long-term campground three miles northwest of the site, which may be tied to the area for future support.
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.	Implementing Adopt Coors Canyon, Volunteer Trail Rangers Program
3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:	0 out of 15	15 out of 15
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item (0)	The PSSC FO has completed its required element of the OR-1CD-28 CDD Fringed-Toed Lizard Grant, also OR-1-SW-25 CSO for Little Morongo /Meccacopia Restoration Grant, plus we are presently working to meet the required timeline for OR-1-CD-318, the Blind Canyon/Willow Hole Restoration Grant
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The application refers to completing three previous OHMVR projects, but no fiscal accountability was addressed. (4)	The PSSC FO has six grant projects open internally. Four assigned to PS, one assigned to CDD, and one assigned to CSO. See outline for fiscal responsibility below.

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c. History of successful and timely implementation of planning results and recommendations (5)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. (0)	The PSSC FO has an Outdoor Recreation Planner assigned to monitor the recreational trends from the Coachella Valley east to the city of Blythe. Having an awareness of the OHV use within the field office helps to identify locations of possible problems and to address them prior to closure. In this way, the field office plans for long-term outcomes instead of creating reactionary planning. Presently, the planning process for the Meccacopia RAMP is going according to plan and review of Business Plans for the Long Term Campgrounds is being conducted. We have in place six working Resource Plans for the Palm Springs South Coast FO: the South Coast Resource Management Plan, the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, the Northern & Eastern Colorado Desert Coordinated Management Plan, the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Plan, the Coachella Valley Plan, and the California Coastal National Monument Plan.
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OR-1-CD-348	Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office	Trail Maintenance
Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:</b>	17 out of 40	<b>30 out of 40</b>
a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)	The applicant will adopt BMPs for Idaho rural road maintenance, will use soil conservation guidelines and will sign routes to keep users on trails. (6)	The PSSC FO has a system of designated trails typically used for OHV Recreational Touring. The routes are not designed for sport use. It is vital that our office complete both NECO route signing and Interpretive signing of historical areas to prevent damage to natural resources and cultural sites.
b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)	The applicant wishes to reduce funding over the long run through route maintenance and signing. (2)	BLM PSSC FO is in the process of writing the Meccacopia Special Recreation Management Plan. The Plan will identify sites and project needs within the deferred maintenance system. The business plan review for the long-term campgrounds in eastern Riverside County will also identify deferred maintenance needs near Blythe, CA. Together these projects should help reduce future needs for OHV concerns.

c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)	Signage encourages users to stay on designated routes where hazards can be avoided or removed. (4)	Trail crews will maintain routes by both mechanical and physical means. The crews will remove debris from the routes, repair minor erosional damage in trails and properly sign the routes within the NECO designated system. The team will drag, rake and smooth routes of motorized travel. The team will monitor and advise staff of the needs of the users. The PSSC FO goal is to adequately manage and maintain designated routes reducing incursions off route, thereby reducing conservation and restoration costs.
d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)	The project will minimize OHV recreation on lands not for OHV recreation by clearly signing and maintaining those routes of travel which are approved for OHV use. (5)	The Chocolate Mountain Bombing Range is located within the PSSC FO area. BLM PS is concerned about the public health and safety of any recreational rider who illegally ventures into this area closed to recreational OHV travel. BLM will implement a series of well designed interpretative displays to educate the user on proper riding equipment, safe riding habits and state and federal laws. The signing will also provide vehicle operators with the necessary knowledge to make correct choices about where they choose to ride.
2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:	19 out of 30	<b>23 out of 30</b>

a. Use of innovative or efficient materials	Most maintenance will be done using existing equipment. Quads can respond quickly to OHV issues. 4x4" posts for signs are long lasting and difficult to vandalize. Stick-on labels are easily replaced.	The PSSC FO route maintenance crew has the ability to utilize two drags, one tiller, two heavy duty quads (which need replacing) to maintain designated routes. Concrete filled 4x4" steel posts act as sign posts on the corner of all major intersection in the rural areas. The field office also utilizes the large color printer to reproduce immediate signing needs. These prints are laminated and mounted on plywood then installed adjacent to kiosk boards at formally designated areas. While somewhat simple, these quick messaging boards have proved highly successful. Use life for these signs is extremely short.
b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	Partnerships include those with the City of Blythe and the County of Riverside Road Crew.	The Desert Side Tracs 4x4 Club volunteers have spent many hours cleaning and monitoring the desert as an "eyes on the ground" group. The group has saved BLM budget dollars by both volunteering and advising BLM staff of area needs.
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$53,560.	
d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor	The applicant states that \$600,000 in labor savings were seen through volunteer contributions. Volunteers include local middle schools, high schools, youth groups, scouts and the general public.	Volunteer Trail Patrol protocols are being implemented within the PSSC FO. This program assists both law enforcement and recreation with compliance.
e. Avoiding or reducing future costs	The applicant states they can reduce future costs through the use of signs and trail maintenance.	The PSSC FO feels that proper maintenance of trails will reduce the amount of budget dollars spent on restoration and trail cleaning. The Meccacopia Special Recreation Management Plan Process will identify sites and projects within the deferred maintenance system.

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:	8 out of 30	28 out of 30
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)	The applicant states that they've implemented prior grants which were successfully completed on time. (2)	The PSSC FO has completed their required element of the OR-1-CD-28 CDD Fringe-Toed Lizard Grant, and OR-1-SW-25 CSO for Little Morongo/Meccacopia Restoration Grant. We also are presently working to meet the required timeline for OR-1-CD-318, the Blind Canyon/Willow Hole Restoration Grant. See outline below
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)	The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. (0)	The PSSC FO has six grant projects open internally. Four assigned to PS, one assigned to CDD, and one assigned to CSO. See outline for fiscal responsibility below.
c. Other pertinent information, such as: qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)	The applicant lists six classifications with years of experience. However, not all of these were listed on the Project Cost/Deliverables. The applicant also cited use of firefighters during the off-season. (6)	The six employees listed are full time employees utilized for internal OHV responsibilities. The law enforcement officer would be funded through the LE Project if awarded and the Env. Coordinator would be funded within the Restoration Project if awarded. Many employees take on duties outside their normal scope, those whose primary duty is OHV will often be seen in multiple grants. Besides these six employees, our office hires part-time recreational temps from the lay-off list of outstanding seasonal firefighters experienced in intensive labor. Fire management assists in the hire. Outside hires are also considered. Some are qualified equipment operators.

44 out of 100

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## BLM – Redding Field Office

## **OR-1-NO-69 Redding Field Office Acquisition 07**

**OHMVR Total Score: [43 out of 100]**

**BLM Revised Total Score: [64 out of 100]**

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>OHMVR Score/Rationale</b>	<b>BLM Score/Rationale</b>
<p><b>1. The acquisition enhances, adds to or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources. The acquisition project must address at least one of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application</li> <li>b. Protecting residents, private property and landowners adjacent to the proposed acquisition from noise, trespass and property damage</li> <li>c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)</li> <li>d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass</li> <li>e. Preventing off-route travel</li> </ul>	<p><b>[22 out of 40]</b></p> <p>a. This project will allow BLM to complete trail maintenance on privately owned land and to increase access and staging in the area.</p> <p>b. The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.</p> <p>c. The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.</p> <p>d. The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.</p> <p>e. The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.</p>	<p><b>New Score - [25 out of 40]</b></p> <p>Although not stated in the grant, this project does lead to increased protection of the habitat and critical resources. The property that this grant will be used to purchase is currently being used for OHV activities and we are unable to properly maintain the trails because they are on private lands. Once in BLM ownership we can properly maintain the trails and stop any soil-loss or wildlife habitat degradation that is occurring. We can also stop any off route travel and continue to enhance the trail system so users will not create their own off-route trails. Currently users are unknowingly trespassing on these private parcels, once these properties are acquired by the BLM it will eliminate this illegal riding/trespassing, because these parcels will be public land.</p>
<p><b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. At a minimum, the project must address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cost effectiveness (Cost vs. amount of Opportunity) (5)</li> <li>b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds) (5)</li> </ul>	<p><b>[5 out of 15]</b></p>	<p><b>New Score - [8 out of 15]</b></p> <p>a. As stated on page 18 of the application and in the Division scoring; "this project will fund acquisition of properties with existing OHV trail opportunity and properties with a very high potential for OHV trail development – all of the properties identified for purchase in this project are located within the designated OHV area" this is a cost effective use of these funds versus purchasing buffer lands or lands with</p>

## **OR-1-NO-69 Redding Field Office Acquisition 07**

### **OHMVR Total Score: [43 out of 100]**

### **BLM Revised Total Score: [64 out of 100]**

<p>c. Use of partnerships, volunteers, or other measures to reduce the reliance on OHV Trust Funds (5)</p> <p><b>3. The application demonstrates the proposed project can be accomplished within the given timeline.</b></p>	<p>c. The applicant cites that securing critical easements from private land owners provides a partnership which reduces reliance on OHV funds. [3]</p> <p><b>[8 out of 15]</b></p> <p>The applicant states that if funded, this project will be a high priority and it will be carried out within the specified timeline. Purchase will be completed by approximately June 2008.</p>	<p>little or no potential for OHV use. These lands will serve the OHV users immediately.</p> <p>The grant also provided a table on page 4 showing estimated average cost per acre and amount of acres to be purchased with OHV funds, clearly illustrating cost vs. amount of opportunity.</p> <p><b>New Score – [10 out of 15]</b></p> <p>On page 18 the application states that the “Redding Field office has four dedicated realty staff - and land exchange and acquisition is the driving purpose of the Redding Field Office Resource Management Plan.”</p> <p>The application also included a land acquisition history map on page 21 highlighting a very successful record of completing land acquisitions and exchanges.</p>	<p><b>[4 out of 15]</b></p> <p><b>4. The applicant demonstrates the ability to implement and/or protect an OHV recreation program upon completion of the acquisition project. At a minimum, the project must address:</b></p> <p>a. Availability to fund future development and operational costs (5)</p> <p>b. Ability to provide staffing adequate for operations without reliance on State OHV funds (5)</p> <p>c. Ability to use the property for the intended activities and to obtain environmental clearances. If purchased, all of these properties are usable for the intended purpose. [4]</p> <p><b>New Score – [9 out of 15]</b></p> <p>a-b. On page 19 the application states – “the Redding BLM has focused on a low cost infrastructure within the OHV area in an effort to lower staffing requirements and reduce reliance on OHV funds.”</p> <p>Not mentioned in the application, but pertinent to this criteria is the fact that the Redding BLM has one dedicated OHV Coordinator, and two maintenance staff members that regularly perform duties within the OHV area, paid for with agency funding. These positions will continue to perform work in the future within the OHV area at some level even if OHV</p>
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## ***OR-1-NO-69 Redding Field Office Acquisition 07***

**OHMVR Total Score: [43 out of 100]**

**BLM Revised Total Score: [64 out of 100]**

<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b> a. Completion of prior acquisition project(s) within the timeframe provided (5) b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5) c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)	<b>[4 out of 15]</b>  <i>a. The applicant has previously acquired 14,500 acres in a period of 16 years. The applicant cited grant OR-1-NO-64 for \$295,000 for which they have acquired 100 of 250 acres. The remaining 150 acres are in the process of being acquired. Additionally, the applicant has used \$149,000 to purchase 160 acres for the 2004/2005 grant cycle. [2]</i>  <i>b. The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]</i>  <i>c. Staff includes four realty specialists to carry out this project. [2]</i>	<i>funding is not available.</i>  <b>[12 out of 15]</b>  <i>On page 5, the application details the past two Acquisition projects funded with OHV funds including a map and gives information regarding grant numbers, dollar amounts and acres purchased with OHV funds. The text indicates that the 2004/2004 grant has been successfully completed and the 2006 grant which is still active has already been used to secure 100 acres within the OHV area.</i>

## OR-1-NO-78 Redding Field Office Sacramento Restoration 07

Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat</li> </ul>	<p>Applicant states; "It is critical to the protection of the natural resources that we continue to make every effort to close and restore illegally created routes within this area to prevent expansion of illegal route proliferation." No other details were provided.</p>	<p>Applicant states: "It is critical to the protection of the natural resources that we continue to make every effort to close and restore illegally created routes within this area to prevent expansion of illegal route proliferation." Landscape visual quality during the spring months is spectacular for wildflower viewing in the grasslands and oak woodlands (page 3), but the habitat integrity of the site is in jeopardy because there is very little natural protection against off-route motor vehicle travel (page 4).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>The accompanying Environmental Assessment affirms (page 12) that no BLM sensitive species or Federally or State of California species listed endangered or threatened species have been known to occur at the sites included in the grant application.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Cultural resources</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>"The project has been given preliminary cultural clearance. All ground disturbing activities will be coordinated with and overseen by the BLM archaeologist" (page 10). In addition, the accompanying Environmental Assessment affirms that (1) there will be no adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources (page 11); and (2) there will be no "adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (page 12). Nor will the restoration project "Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment."</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area</li> </ul>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	

<i><b>OR-1-NO-78 Redding Field Office Sacramento Restoration 07</b></i>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>5 out of 15</b>	<b>5 out of 15</b>
a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs	The applicant did not address this item	
b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs	The project would use large boulders and four strand barbed wire fence. No additional information was provided.	
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant states that low cost seasonal labor would be used but does not include details such as activities to be performed, hours, and cost savings.	
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant did not address this item.	
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant did not address this item.	

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Criteria	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p><b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b></p>	<p><b>[14 out of 20]</b></p>	<p>The application states that applicant has attempted signing and placing local rocks to obscure the illegal route.</p>
<p>a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted</li> </ul>	<p><b>[14 out of 20]</b></p>	<p>The application states that there has been limited success.</p>
<p>ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue</p>	<p>The project would use signs, barriers, and regular patrol.</p>	<p>The project would use signs, barriers, and regular patrol.</p>
<p>iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area</p>		
<p>b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity</li> </ul>	<p>The project would use signs, barriers, and regular patrol.</p>	<p>The project would use signs, barriers, and regular patrol.</p>
<p>c. Closure due to management action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary</li> </ul>	<p>The project would use signs, barriers, and regular patrol.</p>	<p>The project would use signs, barriers, and regular patrol.</p>

<i><b>OR-1-NO-78 Redding Field Office Sacramento Restoration 07</b></i>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>4.</b> Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.	<b>5 out of 10</b> The project will provide photo monitoring and regular law enforcement patrols. Nor further details were provided.	<b>5 out of 10</b>
<b>5.</b> The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:	<b>0 out of 15</b>	<b>0 out of 15</b>
a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided <b>(5)</b>	The applicant did not address this item.	
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects <b>(5)</b>	The applicant did not address this item.	
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure <b>(5)</b>	The applicant did not address this item.	
	<b>Assigned Score 29/100</b>	<b>Requested Score 44/100</b>

<b><i>OR-I-NO-70 BLM Redding Chappie Restoration 07</i></b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the</b>	<b>[10 out of 40]</b>	<b>25 out of 40</b>
a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat	<p>The project would include erosion control that would benefit conservation of soil resources. The application states that the project is "critical to the protection of natural resources." In addition, the application also states that (page 8) that "There are no wetlands or navigable waters identified within the project area." This restoration project promotes and strengthens habitat continuity and integrity for multiple native species in otherwise intact California Mediterranean-climate chaparral vegetation by halting widening of OHV routes. Visual resource quality will be restored with these restoration actions and habitat fragmentation for wildlife is reduced by restoring and maintaining robust native vegetation at these sites along OHV routes. In this way, the rugged terrain, challenging trail network, scenic natural beauty close at hand combine with awe inspiring vistas including spectacular views of Mt. Shasta, Mt. Lassen, Shasta Lake, and the Trinity Alps for a sustainable recreation experience in a native wildland habitat (page 3).</p> <p>b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species</p> <p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>The project would include erosion control that would benefit conservation of soil resources. The application states that the project is "critical to the protection of natural resources." In addition, the application also states that (page 8) that "There are no wetlands or navigable waters identified within the project area." This restoration project promotes and strengthens habitat continuity and integrity for multiple native species in otherwise intact California Mediterranean-climate chaparral vegetation by halting widening of OHV routes. Visual resource quality will be restored with these restoration actions and habitat fragmentation for wildlife is reduced by restoring and maintaining robust native vegetation at these sites along OHV routes. In this way, the rugged terrain, challenging trail network, scenic natural beauty close at hand combine with awe inspiring vistas including spectacular views of Mt. Shasta, Mt. Lassen, Shasta Lake, and the Trinity Alps for a sustainable recreation experience in a native wildland habitat (page 3).</p> <p>On page 8, the grant application states that "None of the activities proposed by this application will impact special-status species." The accompanying Environmental Assessment affirms (page 12) that no BLM sensitive species, Federally or State of California species listed endangered or threatened species, or California Department of Fish and Game species of concern have been known to occur at the sites included in the grant application</p>

<b><i>OR-I-NO-70 BLM Redding Chappie Restoration 07</i></b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
c. Cultural resources	The applicant did not address this item	"The project has been given preliminary cultural clearance. All ground disturbing activities will be coordinated with and overseen by the BLM archeologist" (page 9). In addition, the accompanying Environmental Assessment affirms that (1) there will be no adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources (page 10); and (2) there will be no "adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (page 11). Nor will the restoration project "Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment."
d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	The applicant did not address this item	The restoration sites are within watersheds that drain to Shasta Lake, one of the most important water sources for northern California. BLM is obligated to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to minimize at every opportunity any erosion into drainages to Shasta Lake, thus assisting the Board to maintain the best possible water quality for drinking purposes and for beneficial recreational uses on Lake Shasta and at the adjacent NPS Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b>	<b>7 out of 15</b>	<b>7 out of 15</b>
a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs	The applicant did not address this item	
b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs	The project would use large boulders, a SWECO tractor, and native grass seed.	

<b><i>OR-I-NO-70 BLM Redding Chappie Restoration 07</i></b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	The applicant states that low cost seasonal labor would be used but does not include details such as activities to be performed, hours, and cost savings.	
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant did not address this item.	
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant did not address this item.	
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b>	<b>[16 out of 20]</b>	<b>[16 out of 20]</b>
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:	The applicant has used signs, vertical mulching, and local rocks to close damaged areas.	
i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted		
ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue	The applicant states that alternative methods have failed on these projects, requiring the need for restoration.	
iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area		
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:	The project would use signs, barriers, and regular patrol.	
i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity		

<b><i>OR-I-NO-70 BLM Redding Chappie Restoration 07</i></b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
c. Closure due to management action: i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary	The project would use barriers, signs and increased law enforcement. All damage would be quickly repaired and signs replaced.	
<b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.</b>	<b>4 out of 10</b> Digital photos along with the condition table will be used for monitoring. The applicant states; "Any reoccurrence of trespass or damage to the restoration sites including barrier removal or destruction and illegal riding in the site will be noted during routine patrol and repaired immediately	<b>4 out of 10</b>
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	<b>0 out of 15</b>	<b>0 out of 15</b>
a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided <b>(5)</b>	The applicant did not address this item.	
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects <b>(5)</b>	The applicant did not address this item.	
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure <b>(5)</b>	The applicant did not address this item.	
	<b>Assigned Score 37/100</b>	<b>Requested Score 52/100</b>

## **OR-1-NO-71 Redding Field Office Trail Maintenance 07**

**OHMVR Total Score: [54 out of 100]**

**BLM Revised Total Score: [70 out of 100]**

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>OHMVR Score/Rationale</b>	<b>BLM Score/Rationale</b>
<p><b>1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:</b></p> <p>a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)</p> <p>b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (3 out of 10)</p> <p>c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)</p> <p>d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)</p>	<p><b>[23 out of 40]</b></p> <p>a. <i>Trail maintenance efforts will focus on reconstructing drainage structures to avoid soil loss and successfully meet soil conservation standards. This can help avoid future closures. [7]</i></p> <p>b. <i>The applicant states that if funded they can continue annual trail maintenance efforts and eliminate the possibility of future maintenance costs. [3]</i></p> <p>c. <i>Trails will be brushed and cleared of fallen trees and rockslides. This will ensure safe riding conditions by providing for better sight distances and removing unknown hazards. [8]</i></p> <p>d. <i>Properly maintained roads and trails diminish the desire to create illegal hill climbs and riding areas. [5]</i></p>	<p><b>New Score - [30 out of 40]</b></p> <p><i>Overall the application thoroughly answers all evaluation criteria with factual information relating to the specific criteria. The Division rational is accurate in restating what the application stated in answer for each criteria, however a generally low score accompanied a clear and thorough answer.</i></p> <p><i>Trail maintenance is considered a high priority in the management of the Chapple-Shasta OHV Area. The Redding BLM has successfully implemented a comprehensive trail monitoring and maintenance program and continued funding of this effort is the key to offering a high quality OHV opportunity in the Redding area.</i></p>
<p><b>2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b></p> <p>a. <i>The applicant will utilize properly trained staff</i></p>	<p><b>[22 out of 30]</b></p> <p><b>Acceptable Score [22 out of 30]</b></p>	

## **OR-1-NO-71 Redding Field Office Trail Maintenance 07**

**OHMVR Total Score: [54 out of 100]**

**BLM Revised Total Score: [70 out of 100]**

<p>a. Use of innovative or efficient materials</p> <p>b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</p> <p>c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)</p> <p>d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor</p> <p>e. Avoiding or reducing future costs</p> <p><i>using cutting edge equipment along with innovative techniques such as tandem operation of equipment.</i></p> <p><i>b. Partnerships include those with CCC and CDF.</i></p> <p><i>c. The applicant will provide an agency contribution of \$4,240.</i></p> <p><i>d. Volunteers include the Redding Dirt Riders Club and Shasta Rock Rollers ATV club. The applicant will use low cost CDF inmate crew labor.</i></p> <p><i>e. The applicant did not provide detail as to how this will be accomplished.</i></p>	<p><b>[9 out of 30]</b></p> <p><b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b></p> <p>a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)</p> <p>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)</p> <p>c. Other pertinent information, such as qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)</p> <p><i>On page 5 the application clearly details the applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. Factual information includes specific grant numbers with dollar amounts allocated for trail maintenance and work completed using those grant funds, however the application was given low scores even where the criteria was clearly answered with factual information..</i></p> <p><b>New Score – [18 out of 30]</b></p>
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## BLM – Ridgecrest Field Office

Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision <i>* text taken from grant application</i>
<p><b>1.</b> The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat</li> <li>b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species</li> <li>c. Cultural resources</li> <li>d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area</li> </ul>	<p><b>38 out of 40</b></p> <p><i>The application mentions reducing habitat fragmentation, soil loss, and risk to wildlife.</i></p> <p><i>Special status species mentioned are California desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel, LeConte's Thrasher, and burrowing owl.</i></p> <p><i>The applicant did not address this item.</i></p> <p><i>The Jawbone-Butterbredt Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Fremont-Kramer Desert Wildlife Management Area are mentioned.</i></p>	<p><b>39 out of 40</b></p> <p>* Proposed Activities include: ...supporting archaeological ...inventories prior to site restoration. [+1]</p>
<p><b>2.</b> The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs</li> </ul>	<p><b>13 out of 15</b></p>	<p><b>15 out of 15</b></p> <p><i>The application lists disguising, accelerating re-vegetation of closed trails, and outreach to local OHV enthusiast groups.</i></p>

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>OHMVR Division Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score Revision</b>
b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs	<i>The project would involve, soil de-compaction, vertical and horizontal mulching, spreading seed and planting live vegetation.</i>	
c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	<i>The application states that the applicant would involve volunteers as much as possible but no details were provided.</i>	* Past restoration crews have provided a consistent source of volunteers for BLM. [+2] (over 16,000 hours/year of "hosted workers")
d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	<i>The applicant works with the Friends of Jawbone.</i>	
e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	<i>The Project Costs/Deliverables pages show agency contributions of \$86,156.</i>	
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b>	<b>17 out of 20</b>	<b>20 out of 20</b>
a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:	<i>The application describes trail maintenance efforts since 2002.</i>	* ...signing closed trails with red flexible posts / Maps of the Ridgecrest Resource Area were printed and distributed to identify the designated route system. / Temporary closures and fencing have been used...[+1]
i. Application identifies alternatives and/or attempted		
ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue	<i>The application states that the signing of closed trails had moderate success.</i>	* [trail maintenance] alone has not deterred many users from staying off designated closed trails. / ...it is unrealistic to demand all riders memorize the legal routes. / BLM should not expect them to stop frequently and refer to the map in order to conform with the land use plans. / [temporary closure] is not a goal of the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office.[+2]

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>OHMVR Division Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score Revision</b>
iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area	<i>The application states that signs would allow law enforcement to write citations for unauthorized riding.</i>	
b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:	<i>The project would include the use of barriers, signing, and increased law enforcement presence.</i>	
i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity		
c. Closure due to management action:	<i>The project would include the use of barriers, signing, and increased law enforcement presence.</i>	
i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary		
<b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.</b>	<b>10 out of 10</b>	<b>10 out of 10</b>
	<i>The application describes monitoring in detail in Success Criteria For Monitoring and Law Enforcement Efforts.</i>	no change
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	<b>9 out of 15</b>	<b>13 out of 15</b>

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>OHMVR Division Score/Rationale</b>	<b>Suggested Score Revision</b>
a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)	<i>The application states that prior restoration projects were completed within the time frame provided since 1997. The applicant did not provide details on time frame. [2]</i>	* Since 2002, BLM Ridgecrest has contracted with restoration crews to achieve large-scale closed trail restoration. The cumulative total of restored area during those project years is: ...99 acres of actively restored closed area; 2,000 miles of closed trail effectively removed from the route network; 10 miles of protective fencing erected; 1,800 sites restored; and 200 closed trails barricaded. [+2]
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	<i>The application states; “In twenty years, BLM Ridgecrest has never had a negative audit with respect to the OHMVR grant projects. In this time, no audits have resulted in the return of grant funds due to misappropriations or improper funding of projects outside the scope of the grant project agreements.” [4]</i>	<i>The application states; “In twenty years, BLM Ridgecrest has never had a negative audit with respect to the OHMVR grant projects. In this time, no audits have resulted in the return of grant funds due to misappropriations or improper funding of projects outside the scope of the grant project agreements.” [4]</i>
c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure (5)	<i>The applicant states; “For the past five years, BLM Ridgecrest has directed restoration work to resource-sensitive areas to avoid potential court-mandated and management closures.” [3]</i>	* Restoration project areas address sensitive species problem areas and effectively enhance contiguous critical habitat to proactively alleviate political and biological pressures. [+2]
<b>Total:</b>	<b>87 / 100</b>	<b>97 / 100</b>

OR-1-CD-367	Ridgecrest FO&M - BLM	Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	* text taken from grant application
<p><b>1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources.</b></p> <p><b>The project must address one or more of the following:</b></p>	<p><b>26 out of 40</b></p>	<p><b>38 out of 40</b></p>	<p><i>Station staff stress the importance of respecting private property and appreciation other recreation pursuits. This project will allow the applicant to produce interpretive materials and maintain informational kiosks. Resource and administrative staff assist in preparation of administrative and environmental documents.</i></p>	<p><i>Station staff stress the importance of respecting private property and appreciation other recreation pursuits.</i></p>	<p>* The education of the riders has reduced the amount of off route damage and...helped to protect sensitive habitat and cultural resources. [+1]</p>
<p>a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application</p>	<p><b>a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application</b></p>	<p><b>26 out of 40</b></p>	<p><i>Station staff stress the importance of respecting private property and appreciation other recreation pursuits.</i></p>	<p><i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i></p>	<p>* A well signed/mark and maintained trail... reduces route proliferation. / ...outreach and non-traditional signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction./ The education of the riders has reduced the amount of off route damage... [+2]</p>
<p>b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation</p>	<p><b>b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation</b></p>	<p><b>26 out of 40</b></p>	<p><i>Station staff stress the importance of respecting private property and appreciation other recreation pursuits.</i></p>	<p><i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i></p>	<p>* A well signed/mark and maintained trail... reduces route proliferation. / ...outreach and non-traditional signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction./ The education of the riders has reduced the amount of off route damage... [+2]</p>
<p>c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage</p>	<p><b>c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage</b></p>	<p><b>26 out of 40</b></p>	<p><i>Station staff stress the importance of respecting private property and appreciation other recreation pursuits.</i></p>	<p><i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i></p>	<p>* A well signed/mark and maintained trail... reduces route proliferation. / ...outreach and non-traditional signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction./ The education of the riders has reduced the amount of off route damage... [+2]</p>
<p>d. Insuring compliance to protect habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.) and/or closures due to environmental damage</p>	<p><b>d. Insuring compliance to protect habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.) and/or closures due to environmental damage</b></p>	<p><b>26 out of 40</b></p>	<p><i>Station staff stress the importance of respecting private property and appreciation other recreation pursuits.</i></p>	<p><i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i></p>	<p>* A well signed/mark and maintained trail... reduces route proliferation. / ...outreach and non-traditional signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction./ The education of the riders has reduced the amount of off route damage... [+2]</p>
<p>e. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass</p>	<p><b>e. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass</b></p>	<p><b>26 out of 40</b></p>	<p><i>Station staff stress the importance of respecting private property and appreciation other recreation pursuits.</i></p>	<p><i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i></p>	<p>* A well signed/mark and maintained trail... reduces route proliferation. / ...outreach and non-traditional signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction./ The education of the riders has reduced the amount of off route damage... [+2]</p>

OR-1-CD-367		Ridgecrest FO&M - BLM	
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	
f. Preventing off-route travel	<i>Daily presence of BLM field personnel reduces the opportunities for off route travel.</i>	* The education of the riders has reduced the amount of off route damage... / A well signed/mark and maintained trail... reduces route proliferation. / ...outreach and non-traditional signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction. [+2]	
g. Protecting public health and safety	<i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i>	* The park ranger teams would be responsible for...and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) (a minimum first responder certification is required for hire). / ...produce a holiday handout that on the reverse side has a section that can be filled out and carried by the riders containing their camp GPS location, vehicle color and license numbers for emergency location and notification in case of an accident or lost child. / The pit toilets are serviced by BLM staff weekly and daily on major weekends. [+5]	
h. Avoiding increased maintenance activities	<i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i>	* We are able to reduce maintenance cost through our many various educational and outreach programs by obtaining compliance with the designated trail system. / ...outreach and signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction, which may result in closures and expensive rehabilitation. [+2]	

Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision
<p><b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b></p>	<p><b>22 out of 30</b></p>	<p><b>27 out of 30</b></p>
<p>a. Use of innovative or efficient materials to reduce FO&amp;M costs</p>	<p><i>The applicant produces informational brochures and maps on simple computer programs, and are printed by local printing/graphics companies. The applicant provides holiday handouts that contain camp GPS location. Innovative/nontraditional approach to signing standards has been implemented.</i></p>	<p>* Signing, fencing and barriers will help protect restoration sites, wilderness areas, historic trails, and reduce off trail riding / ...outreach and signing programs reduce maintenance cost by preventing off route travel and habitat destruction, which may result in closures and expensive rehabilitation. / ...able to reduce maintenance cost through our many various educational and outreach programs by obtaining compliance with the designated trail system [+3]</p>
<p>b. The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs through preventive maintenance.</p>	<p><i>The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.</i></p>	
<p>c. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</p>	<p><i>The applicant cites a strong partnership with America Honda R&amp;D.</i></p>	<p>Friends of Jawbone - integral partner in the management and operation of Jawbone Station. [+2]</p>
<p>d. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)</p>	<p><i>The applicant provided \$92,960 in agency contributions.</i></p>	

OR-1-CD-367		Ridgecrest FO&M - BLM	Suggested Score Revision
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale		
e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	<i>Friends of Jawbone have volunteered hundreds of hours annually.</i>		
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must</b>	<b>8 out of 30</b>	<b>17 out of 30</b>	
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided ( <b>10</b> )	<i>The applicant cites development of the Jawbone station, desert restoration with the Rand Mountain rehabilitation project, and cultural resource studies in the Spangler and Olancha Dunes open areas. [2]</i>	15 O&M projects have been completed in the Ridgecrest Field Office within the specified timeframe of the project agreements since 1987. [+3]	
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects ( <b>10</b> )	<i>In more than 20 years that the applicant has been participating, no audits have resulted in the return of OHV grant funds due to misappropriations. [3]</i>	The receipt of grant funding is a public trust and proper management of those funds is an essential priority of the Ridgecrest Field Office. [+3]	
c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project ( <b>10</b> )	<i>The applicant is using qualified staff as well as contracting out for services. Staff includes an OHV coordinator and park ranger and park aid teams. [3]</i>	Maintenance and recreation staff comprise decades of experience in trail maintenance and facilities operations and management. [+3]	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>56 / 100</b>	<b>82 / 100</b>	

OR-1-CD-370		Ridgecrest Trail Maintenance - BLM	
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	* text taken from grant application
1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:	<p><b>26 out of 40</b></p> <p><b>32 of 40</b></p>		
a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)	<p><i>The applicant states that a scheduled trail maintenance program is designed to avoid soil, wildlife and plant damage. [7]</i></p>	<p>* ...removing whoops, storm damage, restoration of trail tread, out sloping of trails to reduce erosion, building of water control features and run outs, rock raking and trail signing. [+2]</p>	
b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)	<p><i>The applicant states that a scheduled trail maintenance program will help avoid deferred maintenance. [6]</i></p>	<p>* Reduces the amount of off route incursions by repairing damaged route thread this protects plants and wildlife habitat. [+2]</p>	
c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)	<p><i>A well signed and maintained trail improves safety by making the trail free of hazards. [7]</i></p>	<p>* A well maintained trail system provides a positive riding experience, reduces the chance of injury and the urge to avoid trails with serious maintenance issues [+2]</p>	
d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)		<p><i>A reduction of off trail incursions and well signed and maintained trails will reduce off road and illegal riding by not having riders trying to circumvent rough or dangerous trail conditions. [6]</i></p>	Page 380 of 412

OR-1-CD-370		Ridgecrest Trail Maintenance - BLM	
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	
<b>2.</b> The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:	<b>22 out of 30</b>	<b>28 of 30</b>	
a. Use of innovative or efficient materials	<i>The applicant states that equipment rental reduces staffing, equipment required for maintenance and cost-outlay for various expensive pieces of specialized equipment.</i>		
b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	<i>The applicant did not address this item.</i>	* Trail maintenance is augmented by our partnership with the Friends of Jawbone volunteers. These volunteers have been trained by BLM staff and are qualified to operate the quad & rock rakes and the tractor with a gannon box. [+3]	
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	<i>The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$35,560.</i>		
d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor	<i>Volunteers include the Friends of Jawbone who provided 250 hours in 2005.</i>		

OR-1-CD-370		Ridgecrest Trail Maintenance - BLM	
Criteria	OHMVR Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score Revision	
e. Avoiding or reducing future costs	<i>The applicant did not address this item.</i>	* The scheduled trail maintenance reduces deferred maintenance and the overall amount of maintenance that is required to keep the riders on the trail system. / Routine trail maintenance reduces the amount of major trail maintenance or reconstruction, reduces soil erosion damage and provides the OHV users with a positive riding experience. [+3]	
3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:	<b>10 out of 30</b>	<b>20 of 30</b>	
a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)	<i>The applicant cited OR-1-CD-36, OR-1-CD-95, OR-1-CD-191, OR-1-CD-276 and OR-1-CD-297 as previously accomplished grants and stated that it has always been the goal of BLM to complete projects on time. [4]</i>	15 O&M projects have been completed in the Ridgecrest Field Office within the specified timeframe of the project agreements since 1987. [+3]	
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)	<i>The applicant states they have been a long-time partner through the grants program and no audits have resulted in the return of grant funds. [3]</i>	The receipt of grant funding is a public trust and proper management of those funds is an essential priority of the Ridgecrest Field Office. [+3]	
c. Other pertinent information, such as: qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)	<i>BLM carries out this mission by using qualified staff and contracting out when further skills are needed. [3]</i>	Maintenance and recreation staff comprise decades of experience in trail maintenance and facilities operations and management. [+4]	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>58 / 100</b>	<b>80 / 100</b>

## BLM – Ukiah Field Office

Criteria	Score/Factual Findings	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by:</b>	<p><b>14 out of 35</b> The project would use patrol, signs, barrier monitoring, education, field checks, sound testing and enforcement action to reduce resource impacts</p>	<p><b>29 out of 35</b> Due to the recent Congressional designation (Cow Mtn. Recreation Area), law enforcement will be significant in the balance of resource protection with recreational opportunities for long-term success and sustainability of the area.</p>
<p>b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property</p>	<p>The Project would patrol to discourage trespass.</p>	<p>Resource damage will be reduced through coordination with BLM resource staff, coordination with County Sheriff's departments, coordination with private landowners, implementation of the Ukiah Resource Management Plan (RMP) (which includes closures of unsustainable trails and trail segments), provide visitors with an accurate map of the area, and installation of signs and barriers in sensitive areas.</p>
<p>c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interest.</p> <p>[14 out of 30] 2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</p>	<p>The project would use on-site visitor contacts and handouts to reduce conflicts.</p>	<p>By providing accurate maps, on-site visitor contacts, supplemental brochures, and increased law enforcement presence, user conflicts will be reduced</p>

Criteria	Score/Factual Findings	Suggested Score
a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes	The project would enforce both federal regulations and CVC laws	
b. Emergency response	b. Emergency response The project would include emergency response	
c. Search and rescue	The applicant cooperates with the Sheriff's SAR team	
d. Education/outreach	Maps and information are to be provided by staff on-site, by phone and by internet.	
e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)	The project would include patrol, sound checks, barrier monitoring, and campground monitoring.	
<b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[11 out of 20]</b>	<b>[11 out of 20]</b>
a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The application mentioned working with enthusiast organizations, a resource conservation district, the California Conservation Corps and local businesses.	

Criteria	Score/Factual Findings	Suggested Score
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The application mentions the use of donated materials. Project Cost/Deliverables indicates \$106,197 agency contribution. BLM challenge cost share funds are mentioned	
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor	The application mentions volunteers and CCC crews.	
d. Reducing future costs	The project would use patrol, signs and barriers to reduce future costs	
e. Appropriate use of equipment	The applicant would use motorcycles, ATVs and four-wheel drive vehicles for patrol	
<b>4. The project demonstrates the applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	[5 out of 15]	[10 out of 15]

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score/Factual Findings</b>	<b>Suggested Score</b>
a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)	The application states; "Previous grant extensions have been requested due to the unforeseen additional workload of the Ukiah Resource Management Plan (RMP) development of the past two (2) years, which is the final public review stage." [2]	Since completion of the RMP (September 2006), all projects/grants have been completed within the time frame provided. Audit packages are currently being prepared in coordination with BLM California State Office and NORCAL staff. (4)
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant did not address this item. [0]	Audit packages are currently being prepared in coordination with BLM California State Office and NORCAL staff. These packages include all expenditure documentation. (1)
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The applicant did not address this item. [0]	Audit packages are currently being prepared in coordination with BLM California State Office and NORCAL staff. These packages include all expenditure documentation. (1)
c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)	The application states, "The BLM Ukiah Field Office staff is committed to providing law enforcement to the South Cow Management Area..." [3]	The BLM Ukiah Field Office Manager and staff recognize the importance of providing a positive recreational experience which law enforcement is an integral part. (4)
	<b>Total Original Division Score</b>	<b>Total Suggested Score</b>
	<b>44</b>	<b>70</b>

## Stanislaus National Forest

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Here are the PDF files to replace the Word documents sent yesterday.

Thanks for your patience. Sue

(See attached file: OR-2-ST-75 Stanislaus NF Planning (Restoration) 07.pdf)

(See attached file: OR-2-ST-73 Stanislaus NF Development 07.pdf)(See

attached file: OR-2-ST-71 Stanislaus NF Conservation 07.pdf)

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**[36 out of 100]**

**[Forest score 75 out 100]**

**OR-2-ST-73 Stanislaus NF Development 07**

1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity and/or prevents or reduces the need for conservation activities or closures due to environmental damage. The project must address at least one of the following:

**[23 out of 40]**

**[Forest Score 30 out 40]**

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*The trailhead will define where the riding opportunities start and end. The staging area will minimize adverse impacts to water quality.*

b. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

The entire project is on National Forest land and not adjacent to any private property or landowners. Noise, trespass, and property damage is not any issue.

c. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass

*The applicant states that volunteer patrols will provide peer pressure to comply with regulations to ride on designated trails.*

d. Preventing off-route travel

*The applicant states that volunteer patrols will provide peer pressure to comply with regulations to ride on designated trails.*

Additional, clarifying information:

Design of trailhead and information kiosk will help inform OHV recreationists where the riding opportunities are located from the parking area. Currently, it is unclear where to start. Definition of the entry points will keep users on the trail and prevent off road travel.

e. Protecting public health and safety

*The applicant states that the staging area at the intersection of four roads and one trail will improve safety.*

Additional, clarifying information:

Providing a defined parking area through the design of this trailhead gets people parked in the right places and in safe places for loading and off loading of motorcycles and quads.

f. Avoiding the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures due to environmental damage

*If the staging area is not developed, OHV users will continue to cause resource damage.*

g. Providing infrastructure and/or services that meet public needs

*Infrastructure includes a staging area, signs, parking, bulletin boards and rock barriers.*

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[10 out of 30]**

**[Forest Score 20 out of 30]**

a. Project will reduce maintenance costs

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

b. Project implements energy saving features

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

Additional, clarifying information:

Not applicable to this project.

c. Building new vs. modification of existing facilities with the aim of reducing development co

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

Clarifying information:

This facility takes advantage of an existing, old logging landing. It will define the trailhead parking area. No new land will be disturbed.

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant hopes that the staging area will be adopted by a club to provide maintenance. Recurring maintenance costs will be associated with maintaining signs and the information board. The Forest will be able to cover these costs.*

f. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

*The applicant states that volunteer patrols of the area will provide peer pressure to comply with regulations and ride on designated trails. No details were provided as to who these volunteers are.*

3. The applicant demonstrates the ability to staff and maintain the proposed facility. At a minimum, the application must address:

**[3 out of 15]**

**[Forest Score 10 out of 15]**

a. Ability to cover future operational costs

*The applicant hopes that the staging area will be adopted by a club to provide maintenance. Recurring maintenance costs will be associated with maintaining signs and the information board. The Forest will be able to cover these costs.*

b. Ability to provide staffing adequate for operations without reliance on State OHV Funds

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

Additional, clarifying information:

If operational funds are not available from the State, the Forest will provide funding from its appropriated dollars to manage the site.

4. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

**[0 out of 15]**

**[ Forest Score 15 out of 15]**

a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]*

Additional, clarifying information:

The Stanislaus NF has been receiving OHV grants since 1986, totaling over 40 grants with a value of \$5,500,000. Of the 40 grants received, 10 of those were for development, totaling \$742,500. All grants have been completed on time and within allowable budget.

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]*

See above answer.

c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]*

Additional, clarifying information:

The project has been designed by engineers and a landscape architect. The project is not complex in design and will be implemented by the OHV recreational specialist with assistance from the civil engineering staff. See page 8, Costs/Deliverables.

[35 out of 100]

**Forest Scoring [65 out of 100]**

**OR-2-ST-71 Stanislaus NF Conservation 07**

**There are two projects being proposed: both conducting implementation monitoring of A. a road decommissioning project and B. WHPP Implementation monitoring.**

1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will:

**[20 out of 50]**

**Forest Scoring 30 out of 50**

a. Reduce erosion and meet established soil conservation standards

*The application did not address erosion or soil standards.*

Additional, clarifying information:

These projects are monitoring project which propose to determine whether conservation standards were met on a road decommissioning project and to implement the WHPP.

Please reference the WHPP on file submitted for the 2006 grant cycle.

b. Protect critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, cultural, etc.) and meet wildlife habitat protection program requirements (WHPP)

*The application mentions the protection of resources through monitoring; however, there was little detail of the type of protection measures that would be used to comply with the WHPP. Little information was found regarding protecting critical resources.*

Additional, clarifying information:

Please reference the WHPP on file submitted for the 2006 grant cycle.

c. Monitor use for potential effects to resources and prevent future damage

*The project would use monitoring to determine corrective actions to "improve protection of the land and resources."*

2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[10 out of 35]**

**Forest Scoring 20 out of 35**

a. Use of innovative, efficient and/or effective materials or methods to reduce costs

*The applicant would use monitoring in a one time visit instead of multiple visits.*

*Normal law enforcement patrol would provide additional monitoring to identify any compliance issues.*

b. How the project will reduce maintenance costs

*The application did not address this item.*

Additional, clarifying information:

Not applicable to the project.

c. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

*The project would use Volunteer to “accompany” staff during monitoring. No other information on volunteers or low cost labor was found for this project.*

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The application mentions that the Clavey Watershed Group has obtained other funding through a grant to assist with this project.*

e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*No agency contribution is mentioned. The grant obtained by the Clavey Watershed Group was mentioned, but no dollar amount was provided. The Project Costs/Deliverables pages show no agency contribution.*

Additional, clarifying information:

The Forest would contribute \$35,632 in support funds to the personnel. These funds are used to pay rent, utilities, vehicle costs, etc.

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

**[5 out of 15] Forest Scoring 15 out of 15**

a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (5)

*The application states; “The Stanislaus has completed projects on time and has stayed within the budget.” Little detail was provided. [1]*

Additional, clarifying information:

The Stanislaus NF has been receiving OHV grants since 1986, totaling over 40 grants with a value of \$5,500,000. All grants have been completed on time and within allowable budget.

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The application states; “Each grant has been completed within timeframes with appropriate fiscal accountability.” No further detail was provided. [1]*

See above answer.

c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)

*The application states, “These types of projects are routinely done and within the scope of experience of the planning team.” The application refers to OHV specialists. The application mentions that there are biologists in each Ranger District. The application does not provide further information on qualifications of staff. A project of this nature would require additional environmental specialists.*

*[3]*

Additional, clarifying information:

Please reference the Costs and Deliverables on pages 6 and 7. It specifically identifies what specialists will be conducting the monitoring activities. The projects will utilize wildlife biologists, botanists, aquatic specialists, OHV specialists, soil scientist, Forest roads engineer (professional engineer), and OHV Recreational Specialist.

**[36 out of 100]** **Forest Score 50 out of 100 under this criteria set. The Commission requested the Division to score this application under the Restoration Criteria. The Forest has not had the opportunity to complete that scoring analysis.**

**OR-2-ST-75 Stanislaus NF Planning (Restoration) 07**

1. The planning project addresses the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or will lead to new opportunity or protection of resources. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[26 out of 50]**

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*This project will analyze alternatives to closure in order to prevent erosion and damage to riparian and aquatic habitat. It will also consider alternatives for meadow protection.*

b. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage

*The applicant did not provide details as to how this item would be addressed.*

c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)

*This project will plan for installation of barriers to prevent damage caused by OHV users riding in fragile meadows, stream channels and stream banks.*

d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass

*The applicant did not provide details as to how this item would be addressed.*

e. Preventing off-route travel

*This project will prevent off-route travel by placing barriers between the system road and the meadow area.*

f. Protecting public health and safety

*The applicant did not provide details as to how this item would be addressed.*

g. Sustaining OHV recreation by avoiding or minimizing the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures of OHV recreation opportunities

*This project will analyze alternatives to closure in order to prevent erosion and damage to habitat. It will also consider alternatives for meadow protection.*

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2. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[9 out of 35]**

a. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*The applicant states that project implementation can be done with volunteers and low cost State crews but provided no further detail.*

b. Reducing future costs

*The applicant states that if this project is delayed it may result in larger future restoration costs.*

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$500.*

Additional Information:

The Forest will contribute additional funds of \$15,000.

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant did not provide details as to how this item would be addressed.*

**[1 out of 15]**

**Forest Score 15 out of 15**

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant cited a Stanislaus road decommissioning project which is due to be completed this year on time and under budget. [1]*

Additional, clarifying information:

The Stanislaus NF has been receiving OHV grants since 1986, totaling over 40 grants with a value of \$5,500,000. All grants have been completed on time and within allowable budget.

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The applicant did not provide details as to how this item would be addressed. [0]*

See above answer.

c. History of successful and timely implementation of planning results and recommendations (5)

*The applicant did not provide details as to how this item would be addressed. [0]*

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Additional, clarifying information:

Please reference the Costs and Deliverables on pages 23 and 24 of the costs/deliverables. It specifically identifies what specialists will be conducting the environmental assessment activities. The projects will utilize wildlife biologists, botanists, aquatic specialists, archaeologists, OHV specialists, soil scientist, hydrologist, and OHV Recreational Specialist.

## Cleveland National Forest

From: Anne G Carey [<mailto:agcarey@fs.fed.us>]

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 11:16 AM

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Subject: Cleveland NF OHV re-score info

(See attached file: on consent Trail Maintenance OR-2-C-56.pdf)(See attached file: not on consent Restoration OR-2-C-54.pdf)(See attached file: on consent Enforcement OR-2-C-55.pdf)(See attached file: on consent FO&M OR-2-C-53.pdf)(See attached file: Cleveland NF summary.pdf)

here is information regarding the rescoring of Cleveland National Forest  
re-scoring documents

please attached to the state OHV website when it comes back up - Thannks

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Cleveland National Forest  
2006/2007 OHV Applications Re-Score  
November 17, 2006

The Cleveland National Forest submitted 4 applications on August 1, 2006. The applications identified projects and needs for two OHV areas on the forest; Corral Canyon OHV Area on the Descanso Ranger District (San Diego County) and Wildomar OHV Area on the Trabuco Ranger District (Riverside County). The 16000+ acre Horse Fire started July 22 and burnt 79% of Corral Canyon OHV area, the applications do not reflect any of the impacts associated with this fire.

**Summary of Application, Scores & Proposed Funding:**

Cleveland National Forest OHV Application/Grants			pulled off		
2006-2007		Division's Recommendations		consensus recommended score	Revised Funding
Individual Projects	Total Application Request	score	Individual Projects	% of request	
<b>Enforcement</b>	\$125,488	78	\$87,842	70%	\$69,755.40
	\$77,506	63	\$46,504	60%	
	\$119,834	69	\$71,900	60%	
	\$175,593	66	\$105,356	60%	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$498,421</b>		<b>\$311,601</b>		<b>\$334,853</b>

The reasons for revised funding score for the Restoration Application are included in the document identified as: **Restoration Rescore OR-2-C-54**. Thirteen copies of this document were provided to the Commission and Division on November 9, 2006.

The forest also prepared documents to justify the rescore of our other applications, but in light of the limited funding in the Enforcement and Non-CESA categories, the forest did not pull these applications off the consensus calendar. The forest did provide the Commission and Division with 13 copies of our rational for rescoreing the Enforcement Application (Law Enforcement Rescore OR-2-C-55). The document identified reasons to increase the score of this application from 78 to 92. The documents which support increase scores if these applications were removed from the consent calendar are:

Law Enforcement Rescore OR-2-C-55      recommended score change to 92

Trail Maintenance Rescore OR-2-C-56      recommended score change to 80

FO&M Rescore OR-2-C-53      recommended score change to 80.

These documents are also available on-line for review.

The time of the Commissioners, Division Staff and the public is greatly appreciated in this process. For additional information please contact Anne Carey, Recreation Planner, at 858-674-2976 or [agcarey@fs.fed.us](mailto:agcarey@fs.fed.us).

**[Division Recommendation 69 out of 100]**  
Forest recommends changing score to 80 out of 100

### **OR-2-C-53 Cleveland NF FO&M 07**

1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[33 out of 40]** Forest recommends changing score to 40 out of 40

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*This grant would provide the basic level of maintenance to meet the visitor needs in health and safety requirements such as cleaning toilets, campgrounds, and trailhead; wildfire hazard reduction and maintain facilities. Additional information – This grant will help fund an OHV technician to operate and maintain facilities (pages 3 & 5.) PCD 3of 4 is for the reprinting of trial map with rules and regulations and purchase and installation of regulatory & directions signage.*

*Accomplishing this activity will help to educate the users about law enforcement issues, minimize conflicts with non-motorized recreation, educate uses about critical resources, closed areas, private property and staying on designated trails.*

b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation

*Conflicts with non-motorized users are largely avoided by confined OHV use area.*

c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage

*Maintained areas decrease the attraction of riding in unauthorized areas or riding illegally on private lands. Additional information page 6 Presence of OHV Technician (partially funded with state grant) to monitor and enforce OHV trespass and repair fences and barriers intended to keep OHVs in designated area.*

d. Insuring compliance to protect habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.) and/or closures due to environmental damage

*Replacement of vehicle barriers around campgrounds and trailheads helps protect sensitive riparian habitat, wildlife, vegetation, soils and water quality. Additional information page 6 A portion of the OHV Technician's duties include monitoring and documenting resource damage to wildlife and their habitats, sensitive plant species, cultural resources, soils, and riparian areas, and educating the public regarding local natural resources.*

e. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass

*An OHV technician would provide monitoring and enforcement for OHV trespass.*

*Funding would also aid in providing fence lines and barriers.*

f. Preventing off-route travel

*An OHV technician would provide monitoring and enforcement for off-route travel. Funding would also aid in providing fence lines and barriers.*

g. Protecting public health and safety

*Cleaning and pumping toilets, trash pickup and general maintenance of facilities helps protect the public's health and safety. **Additional information - wildfire hazard reduction; identifying trails with appropriate signs to enhance OHV user safety and the quality of the recreation experience.** (page 3). **Maintenance of fire rings helps to ensure that campfires can be safely built in the designated ring, rather than in unsafe areas that could lead to wildfires** (page 7).*

h. Avoiding increased maintenance activities

*Filling in potholes and painting toilets and signs extends the life of facilities.*

**Additional information - Experience has shown that a strong Forest Service presence and visitor contacts, the primary role of the OHV Technician, also helps extend the useful life of facilities.** (page 3).

***Neglect of a recreation area, typically cause by funding deficiencies, is a major contributing factor to the bloated expenses associated with maintenance and backlogged maintenance activities. Once backlog is established, it is extremely difficult and expensive to bring an area back to a functional level. (Page7).***

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

**[26 out of 30]      Forest recommends changing score to 30 out of 30**

a. Use of innovative or efficient materials to reduce FO&M costs

*Deteriorating, wooden vehicle barriers were replaced with steel barriers. New facilities and infrastructures are designed with low-maintenance material such as metal.*

b. The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs through preventive maintenance

*Filling in potholes and painting toilets and signs extends the life of facilities.*

**Additional information page 4** *Studies have shown facilities that are well maintained lack graffiti, are free of trash and are less likely to receive additional vandalism and require major maintenance. Experience has demonstrated that a strong Forest Service presence with visitor contacts, the primary role of the OHV Technician, decreases vandalism and helps extend the useful life of facilities.*

**Additional information page 7** *Funding this proposal would lead to more manageable maintenance loads by assisting in funding personnel and supply needs. We would be able to perform inexpensive, small-scale repairs to restrooms, campsites, signs, and the trailhead before they deteriorate into major undertakings.*

c. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.*

**Additional information page 4 partnership with DCF /CDC crews to brush trail, perform wildfire hazard reduction work and assist with maintaining the facilities.**  
**Plus the partnership developed with various OHV groups that have adopted trails, especially the partnership with San Diego 4 Wheeler who were instrumental in helping the Forest Service re-route a portion of Bronco Peak trail to mitigate soil problems. These volunteers worked with the Forest Service to select the route, with the specialist during the environmental analysis phase and with Trails Unlimited during the construction phase. The end result is a trail which offers 4WD enthusiasts a challenge, while protecting sensitive resources. Volunteer groups remove an average of two or three abandoned vehicles each year from remote portions of OHV trails which are inaccessible to standard tow trucks, saving the agency several thousand dollars each year.**

**Additional information page 7 The California Trail User's Coalition (CTUC) and Los Pinos Conservation Camp (Orange County Department of Corrections) play a major role in maintaining our OHV Areas by assisting in clean-up, maintenance, monitoring, and reporting.**

**Additional information page 56 PAR Accomplishments Volunteers and CCC crews brushed 20 miles of trail during 20005**

d. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant provided \$58,690 in agency contributions.*

e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*Partnerships include those with San Diego Four Wheelers, Tierra del Sol, and Land Rover club of San Diego.*

**Additional information for Wildomar page 8 Historically, a significant portion of our labor has been accomplished by volunteers (over 2080 hours, valued at \$31,200), California Conservation Corps (CCC) crews, Los Pinos Conservation Camp crews (Orange County Department of Corrections), and California Department of Correction (CDC) crews.**

**Additional information PAR Volunteer Informatin Pages 46, 54 & 60**

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

**[10 out of 30]**

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)

*The applicant stated they have successfully operated and maintained the area through OHV State funding. No further details were provided. [2]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)

*The applicant stated they have spent 100% of their FO&M funds for the purposes for which they were granted. [2]*

c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (10)

*Staff includes an OHV manager, Forest Protection Officer, a Law Enforcement Officer and OHV technicians. They are managed by a recreation staff that possesses a wealth of knowledge ranging from maintenance to NEPA compliance.*

**[6] PCD page 3of4 lists contributed labor Regional Cartographer to help with the reprinting of trail map with rules and regulations.**

**Division recommendation - 78 out of 100**  
Forest recommends changing score to 92 out of 100

## **OR-2-C-55 Cleveland NF Law Enforcement 07**

1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by:

**[28 out of 35]** Forest recommends changing score to 35 out of 35.

a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

*The project would use patrol, signs, maps, and barriers to protect resources.*

**Additional information from page 3 Use of these signs and maps of open trails improves the OHV recreation experience, increases compliance with regulations, and decreases resource damage. This reduces the law enforcement burden on Forest Officers and maximizes their efficiency. As a result officers have more time for individual public contacts and more time to further educate users concerning area information, rules and regulations. If the project is not funded the Forest Service presence at Corral Canyon/Bear Valley and Wildomar would be drastically diminished, and improvements in compliance would significantly erode to unacceptable levels (See PAR). Additionally, there would be significant resource impacts due to unmanaged use of the area (i.e., increased off-route travel, increased vandalism, and generally increased unlawful activity). The Forest provides some funding (\$61,000) for LEOs and FPOs, but it is not adequate to provide the enforcement necessary for these highly used areas.**

b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property

*The project would use law enforcement presence to prevent access to the adjacent Hauser Canyon Wilderness Area. Additional information from page 4 Users who see a marked law enforcement vehicle in the area tend to comply better with regulations concerning riding on authorized trails only, not entering wilderness areas or private property, and not causing unnecessary resource damage.*

c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests

*The project would keep OHVs in legal riding areas to prevent conflicts.*

*Application reports that conflicts with bicyclists have been reduced.*

2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:

**[24 out of 30]** Forest recommends changing score to 30 out of 30.

a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes

*The project would include patrol to enforce CVC and other OHV related laws and*

*regulations. A variety of specific violations are referenced in the application. The PAR notes 2763 warnings or citations issued by Law Enforcement or Forest Protection Officers and 4 arrests.*

b. Emergency response

*Agency personnel would continue to respond to emergencies.*

c. Search and rescue

*Agency personnel would assist SAR teams in SAR incidents.*

d. Education/outreach

*The project would include education through field contacts.*

**Additional information PCD page 2of3- Additional enforcement signage along Bear Valley and Corral Canyon Roads to make rides aware of rules and regulations.**

***Also in the FO&M application there is a PCD request to reprint the Corral Canyon OHV maps which contain riding tips for a safe and enjoyable riding experience plus riding rules and regulations.***

e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)

*The applicant uses barriers, signs, patrol, restoration and maps to address public safety issues.*

3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds.

Project must include one or more of the following:

**[19 out of 20]**      Forest recommends changing score to 20 out of 20 .

a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The project would include a contract with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSO). The application mentions working with RCSO and San Diego Sheriff's Department, as well as six listed recreation groups.*

b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The application mentions \$61,254 in agency contributions to OHV law enforcement. The applicant supports their OHV program with user fees that are used for extra patrol, barriers, signs and monitoring.*

c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor

*The application mentions a variety of volunteer groups that assist with installation of signs and barriers, public education and monitoring. It mentions plans to establish a volunteer "ride along" program. **Additional information can be found with PCD 1of3 requests the acquisition of two motorcycles. On page 6 e. appropriate use of equipment it explains that the 250 cc motorcycle will be used by a second employee or volunteer to help the OHV manager patrol Corral Canyon.***

d. Reducing future costs

*The project would use law enforcement presence to prevent vandalism and increased law enforcement costs. Additional information page 6 - The application indicates a reduction in law enforcement costs.*

e. Appropriate use of equipment

*The project proposes to purchase dual-purpose motorcycles to improve access for law enforcement. It also proposes purchase of sound testing equipment.*

4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:

**[7 out of 15]** Forest accepts score.

a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant did not address timeframe. [0]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The application states that applicant has "...spent between 70-100% of the funds allocated for Law Enforcement." No specific information on specific projects is provided. [3]*

c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)

*Application states that there is a full-time OHV manager assigned to Corral Canyon and an OHV Technician assigned to Wildomar. The project would include \$149,825 in personnel costs, including \$58,975 in agency contributions. [4]*

**Division recommendation - 63 out of 100**  
Forest recommends changing score to 90 out of 100

### **OR-2-C-54 Cleveland NF Restoration 07**

1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[23 out of 40]** Forest recommends changing score to 40 out of 40.

a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat

*The project would minimize soil erosion and silt transport into water sources and protect habitat.*

b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species

*The project would protect the arroyo toad and steelhead.*

c. Cultural resources

*The applicant did not address this item. Additional information - The PCD activity for Wildomar is to restore parallel trails and return extremely wide trail segments to appropriate trail tread width. Designated trails within Wildomar OHV area currently do not impact cultural resource nor San Mateo Canyon Wilderness.*

*Page 14 references the Decision Memo found in the FO7M on page 22 states, "The action will have no effect on cultural or historic properties."*

d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area

*The applicant did not address this item. Additional information page 3 #1.b identifies San Mateo Creek as the home for both arroyo toad and steelhead trout.*

*Restoring vegetation would potentially protect riparian species by reducing siltation in waterways that feed into San Mateo Creek. See comment above, because this proposed activity is associated with designated trails within Wildomar OHV area it will not have an impact on wilderness areas..*

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

**[9 out of 15]** Forest recommends changing score to 15 out of 15.

a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs

*The project would use signs, barriers and education to reduce future maintenance and law enforcement costs.*

b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs

*The project would use "proven, effective re-vegetation techniques," barriers, fences, and signs to protect restored areas. Additional information page 2 under general project description – "parallel tracks or extremely wide segments need to be closed, the soil ripped, natural contours restored and the area returned to a*

***natural condition. Similar restoration techniques were successfully used to restore hillclimbs adjacent to Corral Canon in 2003-04”***

- c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*The application states; “Volunteers could be used to assist in installing barriers, signs, and fencing.” No estimated hours or cost value of volunteer labor was provided. **Additional information - The PCD lists 7 days of a CDF CCC crew (a 20 person crew for \$100/day). The Restoration Environmental Review Data Sheet #2F. (page 13) identifies the CCC crews will be used to install a non-barbed fence to close the area.***

- d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The application states; “Volunteers could assist in installing barriers, signs, and fencing.” Partnerships are not addressed. See above statement referring to CCC crew*

- e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The application states; “OHV/Recreation Technicians would be partially funded by the Forest to oversee this project.” The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows and agency contribution of \$2,805. **Additional information in Wildomar PAR page 60 of FO&M application – historically volunteers have been very active at Wildomar. The PAR reports 2080 volunteer hours in 2005, with activities including installation and repair of signs and barriers, public contact, education and monitoring. These volunteer hours could easily add \$10,000 - \$20,000 of contributed volunteer labor.***

3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:

- a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:

**[17 out of 20]**      Forest agrees with score.

- i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted

*The application indicates that monitoring and barriers were considered.*

- ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue

*The application states; “Monitoring would not be adequate, since tread width increase tends to occur away from an Officer’s view, and by the time it is recognized, additional trampling has usually occurred and restoration is needed. Numerous and consistent monitors would be necessary to be effective. Barriers would be an effective means of protecting the resource, but they would cause other problems that would out way their benefits, such as being very expensive, potentially hazardous, labor intensive, and visually intrusive. Overall, monitoring and barriers are not viable options for restoring appropriate trail tread width.”*

iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area

*The application states; "Law Enforcement Officers and Forest Protection Officers are available to provide patrolling, monitoring, and enforcement measures for restored areas. Barriers, fences, signing, and public education would also be used. The Forest utilizes enforcement and barrier methods on a regular basis to protect sensitive areas. When enforcement and physical barriers are coupled together, they are effective in most instances."*

b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:

i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity

*The application states; "Restoring vegetation to re-establish the correct trail width will, in itself, prevent OHV users from traveling "out of bounds". It will provide a clear and defined trail tread width that will allow "no excuse" for "out of bounds" riding. Focused monitoring and enforcement will also prevent recurrence."*

c. Closure due to management action:

i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary

*The application states; "Restoring vegetation to re-establish the correct trail width will, in itself, prevent OHV users from traveling "out of bounds" by providing a vegetation barrier. Use of appropriate signage, barriers, fencing, monitoring, and public education will allow the restored area to become well established before it is exposed. Once fully established, occasional monitoring will be adequate to ensure the illegal OHV use is not occurring in the restored area."*

4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.

**[6 out of 10]** Forest recommends changing score to 10 out of 10.

*The application states; "Forest Law Enforcement Officers and OHV/Recreation Technicians will monitor the sites routinely. If additional protective measures are needed, they will work with Management to develop and incorporate them. They will also provide education and information to visitors regarding the restoration project. Once the vegetation is established, occasional monitoring will continue." The applicant does not provide specific details. Additional information from The Restoration Environmental Review Data Sheet page 13 - Photo points will be established before the restoration process begins. These pictures will be taken while the work is being conducted and at least every 6 months to demonstrate the transition. Success will be measured by the trail tread being restored to the appropriate width for the trail and the restored area remains closed and begins to revegetate and water is diverted off the trail.*

5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:  
**[8 out of 15]** Forest accepts score.

a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)

*The application states; "The Cleveland National Forest has performed and completed tasks for which funding was provided within specified time frames."*

*The applicant did not provide specific details. [2]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The application states; "In 2003-4 the Forest used restoration funds to successfully close and rehabilitate two hill climbs in Corral Canyon. The soil ripping and grading work was contracted to Trails Unlimited [sic]. CCC crews from McCain fended the areas and the Forest signed the areas explaining the reason for the closures. (**application clarification- OR-2-C-41 Restoration grant**) The majority of the restoration funds received in OR-2-C-45 and OR-2-C-51 will be awards as contracts to close and rehabilitate areas identified in these projects. These contracts are scheduled in 2007." The applicant did not address fiscal accountability. [2]*

c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure (5)

*The application states; "Natural resource protection and responsible utilization are the driving forces behind the USDA Forest Service. The Cleveland National Forest realizes the importance of correcting problem areas before they expand. We make every effort to keep areas open, while at the same time, protecting the resource values in the area. The Forest does not want to see misuse that leads to closures. We strive to educate the public and incorporate protective measures that will prevent future damage that forces closures. The Cleveland National Forest has closed and restored several 2 [sic] hillclimbs at Corral Canyon (**application clarification- OR-2-C-41 Restoration grant**) and Warm Up Loop B at Wildomar (**application clarification- OR-2-C-35 & 36 \$87,720 rescoped letter dated 5.13.03 – restore red trails Wildomar**). Bronco Peak trail was rerouted in 2005, (**application clarification- OR-2-C-43**) the closed portion will be restored in 2007 using restoration funds. Short sections of Corral and Tombstone have been closed and will be restored in 2007 using restoration funds." [4]*

**Division recommendation - 66 out of 100**  
Forest recommends changing score to 80 out of 100

### **OR-2-C-56 USFS- Cleveland NF Trail Maintenance 07**

1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:

**[26 out of 40]** Forest recommends changing score to 40 out of 40

a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)

*If maintenance is not done regularly, it would result in erosion causing damage to soil, water, vegetation and wildlife. When trails are maintained, wildlife is less likely to be disturbed by users creating trails. [7] Additional information can be found on the Trail Maintenance Plan on pages 11-14 with supporting documentation in the Soil Condition Table & Inventory Maps on pages 25-43 of the FO&M. The forest's strategic plan is to get the trail tread designed so water will be diverted off the trails (this usually requires heavy maintenance). Once the trail tread is designed properly, bi-annual maintenance will be adequate to keep trail treads in excellent shape. Corral Canyon has been working towards this target for several years (described in top paragraph on page 5- "Since 1999 Trails Unlimited has been contracted to maintain the motorized trail system at Corral Canyon OHV Area. The trails had not received heavy trail tread maintenance since they were built in the early 1980, so much of the initial work required heavy maintenance with SWECO trail tractors and mini-excavator. The trail system has improved greatly in the last 7 years and most of the trails have been received the heavy maintenance except for the northern section of Kernan Cycle Trail, the eastern portion of Espinosa Trail and Tombstone motorcycle trail, which has been closed because a steep section needs to be re-routed.). The required trail maintenance is documented in the last column of the Soil Condition Table. (FO&M pages 25 - 28) Bi-annual trail tread maintenance and brushing will create a sustainable condition motorized trails on the Cleveland National Forest.*

b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)

*Deferring regular maintenance leads to heavy maintenance, which is more costly. [5] Additional supporting information can be found PCD page 3of 6 Trail Tread conservation work to prevent erosion at Corral Canyon. The contracted cost for a SWECO& Operator is \$15,000/week for bi-annual maintenance (average 7 miles/week) and \$28,000/week for heavy maintenance (average 4 miles/week). The Soil Condition Table Form N & maps (pages 25-43 FO&M) indicate which trails need bi-annual or heavy maintenance. The PCD for Corral Canyon requests 2 weeks of bi-annual maintenance (approx 14 miles) and one week of heavy*

***maintenance (approx 4 miles). There are 16.89 miles of trails identified for either bi-annual or heavy maintenance on the Soil Condition Table for Corral Canyon (summary attached). If the trails do not receive regular bi-annual maintenance, then heavy maintenance will be required. The PCD page 6 of 6 Trail Tread conservation work to prevent erosion at Wildomar, requests 2 weeks of heavy maintenance because 6 miles of trails at Wildomar need heavy maintenance in order to get the trail tread prepared so future maintenance can be on a bi-annual maintenance schedule.***

c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)

*Brushing trails improves visibility and reduces the risk of collision. Tread maintenance removes potentially hazardous deep erosion gullies. [7] Additional information on page 6 - Appropriate trail tread maintenance provides for routes that have safer riding conditions. It is easier to anticipate trails conditions on maintained routes. Technical areas should be created by design or by natural features rather than by unpredictable and unexpected erosion damage. Regular brushing allows riders to see farther ahead along their route and recognize potential hazards, signs, and other riders in advance so that they can safely take appropriate action.*

d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)

*Continuing to provide a legal OHV road and trail system minimizes illegal OHV use. [7] Additional information on page 6 Maintaining OHV routes in the designated area provides trails that are in good condition where the public can recreate. When trails are neglected, they tend to become undesirable, to most of the public, because they become difficult to pass through. If the public does not have maintained routes, they will likely create their own routes in areas that are "out of bounds".*

2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

**[26 out of 30]** Forest agrees with this score.

Use of innovative or efficient materials

*The use of a SWECO tractor is more efficient than using a traditional trail crew. Brushing trails with chainsaws is a most efficient method.*

b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*Partnerships include those with CDF and CDC fire crews as well as the California Trail Users Coalition.*

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$429,160. The applicant will make use of fees from a recreational fee program grant in the*

*amount of \$20,000.*

d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

*Volunteers for Corral Canyon include San Diego 4WD club, Tierra Del Sol 4WD club and Land Rover Club of San Diego who have provided 2,700 volunteer hours with a value of \$40,000. Low cost labor includes CCC, Los Pinos Conservation Camp crew and CDC. Volunteers for Wildomar have provided 2,080 hours with a value of \$31,200.*

e. Avoiding or reducing future costs

*Regular maintenance decreases the need for heavy tread maintenance and heavy brushing.*

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address

**[14 out of 30]** Forest accepts score.

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)

*The applicant cites grants OR-2-C-44 and OR-2-C-52 which were completed within the timeframes provided. [6]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)

*The applicant states that 80% - 100% of trail maintenance funds have been obligated historically. No further details were provided. [2]*

c. Other pertinent information, such as qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)

*Staff includes a full-time OHV ranger and partially funded OHV technicians who have broad knowledge. The applicant also states that they have re-routed trails rather than close them. [6]*

This table was part of the 9.26.06 letter to Janelle Miller responding to questions posed by TRA. It depicts trails that need maintenance according to the Soil Condition Table

State OHV Grant mileages		2006/07			trail maint. funding requested 06/07
DRD TRAIL ROAD	length	motorcycle	ATV	4WD	
<b>Corral Canyon/Bear Valley</b>					
Wrangler #1	3.7	3.7	3.7		
Corral #2	0.8	0.8	0.8		0.8
Bronco Peak 3	1.8	1.8		1.8	1.8
Bronco Peak connector 3A	1.1	1.1		1.1	1.1
Greenhorn 4	1.6	1.6	1.6		
Bronco Flats 5	0.9	0.9		0.9	
Bobcat 6	1.2	1.2	1.2		
Tombstone 7 .6 miles temp closed					
Sidwinder 8	1	1	1	1	1
Sodbuster 9	0.9	0.9			0.95
Gun Slinger 11	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Spur Meadows 801	3	3	3		3.04
Kernan 802	5.6	5.6	5.6		3
Espinosa road	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Los Pinos road dirt	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	
Los Pinos road asphalt	2.31			2.31	
Long Valley Loop	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	
Bear Valley Road	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	
Corral Canyon Road dirt approx	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	
Corral Canyon Road asphalt	1			1	
Skye Valley Road dirt	6.82	6.82	6.82	6.82	
Skye Valley Road asphalt	1			1	
Corte Madera road dirt	4.01	4.01	4.01	4.01	
<b>Corral Canyon/Bear Valley TOTAL</b>	<b>57.79</b>	<b>53.48</b>	<b>48.78</b>	<b>40.99</b>	<b>16.89</b>
TRD TRAIL ROAD	length	motorcycle	ATV	4WD	
<b>Wildomar</b>					
1 A&B	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0.2
2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	
3	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	
4	0.37	0.37	0.37	0	0.37
5	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.05	0.41
5A, B & C	0.41	0.41	0.41	0	0.41
6	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	
6A	0.14	0.14	0.14	0	0.14
6B	0.11	0.11	0.11	0	0.11
7 & B	0.49	0.49	0.49	0	0.49
7A	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
8	3.12	3.12	2.95	1	3.12
Warm Up Loop A	0.24	0.24	0.24	0	0.24
<b>Wildomar TOTAL</b>	<b>7.14</b>	<b>7.14</b>	<b>6.97</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.84</b>